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Churchill's Bid To Censure Labour Govt.

"SCUTTLE EVERYWHERE FROM EGYPT TO INDIA"

Socialist Party Accused Of Spreading Class Warfare

LONDON, March 12. (Reuter): The British Government's order of the day was "scuttle everywhere"—from Egypt to India and Burma—said Mr. Winston Churchill, Opposition Leader, in a vigorous attack on the Government during the debate on the economic state of the nation in the House of Commons today.

Amid Opposition cheers, Mr. Churchill declared with irony that Egypt and Burma were going, but one thing the Government must do at all costs—preserve the right to get Britain world-mocked and world-hated over Palestine.

SUCCESSFUL IN NOT OFFENDING RUSSIA!

Mr. Churchill taunted the Government on its relations with Russia. Declaring that it would have been wiser to have transferred the Poles in Britain to Germany, Mr. Churchill said, "But we are told it might have offended Russia." He congratulated the Government on being "very successful" in not offending Russia.

These references to Foreign Affairs came at the end of a long speech condemning the Government for "dividing the country" by its Socialist policies, which he declared a "crime against the British State and people" and a "breach of ordinary British fair play."

Mr. Churchill was moving the Opposition's "no-confidence" amendment on the final day of the three-day debate which, Prime Minister Clement Attlee will wind up late to-night.

GOVT. ACCEPTS CHALLENGE

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Lord Privy Seal, said that Mr. Churchill's speech was brilliant, but unconvincing. Mr. Churchill intended the amendment as a vote of censure on the Government and the Government accepted the challenge.

SPREADING CLASS WARFARE

Amid Opposition cheers, Mr. Churchill declared: "Before they nationalised our industries they should have nationalised themselves. They should have set country before party and shown that they were Britons first and Socialists only second."

By spreading class warfare throughout the land, they had divided the Nation in its hour of serious need in a different way from which it had ever been divided in many party conflicts he had witnessed in the past.

"In less than two years our country has fallen from its proud and glorious position in the world to the plight in which it lies to-day and even more alarming prospects open upon us in future."

There was no virtue or wisdom in so far undermining the physical strength of the British population that the country ceased to have power to help the world and make the British wheels go round.

Accusing Government of incapacity compared with private traders in buying food and other commodities, Mr. Churchill said "wanton and partisan" destruction of the Liverpool Cotton Exchange would forever be held against Sir Stafford Cripps as an an act of folly and pedantry amounting almost to bad citizenship.

Mr. Churchill referring to the coal crisis, asked why Government did not import coal if they could not get it in any other way. In any case, if only 5,000,000 tons of the 9,000,000 exported had been retained, the country would have got through without the stoppage which would cost hundreds of millions of pounds.

PLANNING UTOPIA!

Mr. Churchill said that the Government had been so busy planning a Utopia and were so ardent to score off their political opponents that they forgot their duty. "They gave away our bread and they forgot our coal", he declared.

In a brief reference to Foreign Affairs, Mr. Churchill said that instead of leaving the Germans to manage their own affairs and helping them as Christian men while stopping rearmament, the Government was spending 120 million sterling a year trying to solve German problems when it could not solve its own and in trying to teach Germany to hate the Nazis and only succeeding in making them hate the British.

In Palestine there was an expenditure of 32 million sterling and 100,000 Englishmen were kept away from their homes and work "for the sake of a senseless, squallied war with the Jews in order to give Palestine to the Arabs or God knows who.

"Scuttle everywhere" is the order of the day (opposition cheers).

BERNE BANS GOLD EXPORT

BERNE, March 12. (A.P.A.): The National Bank of Switzerland has banned the export of gold bars.

Bankers here said the object of the ban was to prevent the dumping of the bars onto the Free Dollar Market. They said much bar gold had been finding its way from Switzerland into India and the Far East.

RAJEN BABU IN CITY TOMORROW

Doctor Rajendra Prasad, Food Member, Government of India, will arrive in Bombay by air on Friday, March 14 and return to Delhi on Sunday the 16th instant.

BUSINESS PROFITS TAX SURPRISE

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, March 12.—Talks in Lobbies indicate the likelihood of a compromise over the taxation proposals. One proposal envisages the raising of taxation to Rs. 1,25,000 instead of one lakh proposed in the bill or seven per cent of the capital whichever is higher with increased rate of thirty per cent taxation. Gains of profit taxation bill is similarly being examined in detail.

CONSEMBLY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR BOMBAY

BOMBAY, March 12. (U.P.I.): The Excluded and Partially Excluded Area Sub-Committee of the Constituent Assembly is due to arrive in Bombay City on Friday, March 14, and the members of the Committee will formally assemble at 4 p.m. the same day.

SECURITY DEMAND FROM CALCUTTA PRINTER

CALCUTTA, March 12 (UPI).—The Bengal Government have demanded a Security of Rs. 2,000 from the Keeper of the Calcutta Art Printers under the Press Emergency Powers Act for publishing the English booklet entitled "Bihar State Killings 1946."

STOP PRESS

MAHATMA'S BIHAR TOUR BEGINS

PATNA, March 12 (API).—Mahatma Gandhi's tour of the riot-affected areas of Bihar began this afternoon.

Gandhiji accompanied by Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan Mr. A. N. Sinha, Finance Minister and Miss Mridula Sarabhai left Dr Syed Mahmud's place punctually at 4-35 p.m. and arrived at Kumrhar within an hour.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

New York Cotton May
NEW YORK, March 12.

Previous closing	34.27
To-day's opening	34.14
Difference	—13
To-day's closing	34.54
Difference	+.27

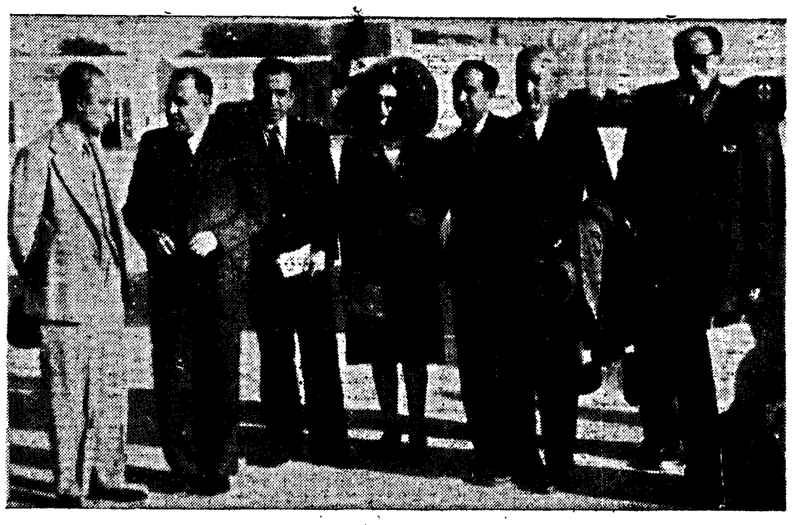
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
NEW YORK, March 12.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:
Anaconda copper mining 39.
General motors 58.
United States steel common 72.
United States steel preference unquoted.

LATEST BAZAR QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, March 12. 9 p.m.

Cotton May	446-0
Silver Chamber Vaishakh	157-0
Silver Bullion	165-8
Silver Bullion Fagan	160-0
Silver Bullion Vaishakh	153-8
Gold Bullion	104-0
Gold Bullion Vaishakh	99-12



The first batch of delegation to the Inter-Asian Conference arrived from Iran on Monday evening. (In the centre is Princess Sasiyes Firouz).

Bevin's Counter-Attack On Molotov

Demands Adherence To Potsdam Clause On Treatment Of Germany

MOSCOW, March 12 (Reuter): The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, vigorously refuted the charges levelled against Britain yesterday by the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, that she was not fulfilling the demilitarisation clauses of the Potsdam Agreement at to-day's third plenary session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Moscow.

Mr. Bevin called on the Soviet Union first to disclose how many German prisoners of war she still held in Russia and when they would be sent home and at what rate. Secondly, to disclose a detailed account of what had been removed and what remained of German war factories in the Soviet Zone. Thirdly, whether Russia proposed to adhere to the Potsdam Clause which stipulated the treatment of Germany as an economic whole or not. Until this information was received, Mr. Bevin declared himself unable to approve M. Molotov's four-point proposal for instructions to the control Council made yesterday.

DEMILITARISATION

Mr. Bevin divided his analysis of demilitarisation into two main divisions—human and material aspects.

Dealing with M. Molotov's charge that military formations were maintained in the British Zone, Mr. Bevin said that M. Molotov's anxieties were unrealistic. 3,000,000 members of the Wehrmacht had been disbanded in the British Zone. The remaining 81,000 were organised in a way appropriate to Labour Corps on a civil basis. There were no secrets attaching to them and a full account was included in the Control Council's reports to the Council of Foreign Ministers.

"I feel the question of Dienstgruppen (Service Groups) is a bogey, of which nobody need be frightened", Mr. Bevin said.

Mr. Bevin assured M. Molotov that these united were being replaced by ordinary civil labour but said he could not accept a date for their disbandment anything like as close as that proposed yesterday by M. Molotov (June 1, 1947).

(SEE PAGE 5)

CLOTH CONTROL MUST END

Supplies Minister Draws Gloomy Picture Of Food Situation Also

A gloomy picture of the food situation in India in general and of the Bombay Province in particular was depicted by Mr. Dinkarrao Desai, Minister for Civil Supplies, speaking on two cut motions moved to discuss the food policy of the Government. Mr. Desai cited a convincing array of statistics to present a realistic situation which called for the utmost care on behalf of the people as well as the Government.

Frankly admitting the existence of various difficulties as well as malpractices like black marketing he gave an idea of an inherent difficulties of the situation and appealed to all parties in the province to co-operate in the attempts of the Government to meet the difficult situation.

All the same the opposition insisted on taking the motion to a division although the result was a foregone conclusion.

CLOTH CONTROL MUST END

Speaking on another cut motion to discuss the cloth situation, Mr. Desai, while pleading that the Provincial Government had no share of responsibility in the matter expressed his personal view that it would be far better to end the whole system of cloth control. He said that the whole scheme had worked very badly and said that if the Government of India took courage in both hands and derationed cloth, there was a chance that most people would get what they wanted.

(For detailed proceedings see page 5)

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT CONFERENCE

Indian Delegates To Leave For U. K. On March 14

NEW DELHI, March 12, (A.P.I.): The Indian Delegation to the International Wheat Conference will consist of:—

Leader:— Sir Robert Hutchings,
Member:— Sir Datar Singh;
Advisers:— Mr. J. Vesugar, Mr. B. C. A. Cook, Mr. Aziz Ahmed, and Dr. M. M. Junaid, says a communique.

The delegation will leave India for U. K. on March 14, 1947. The Conference is scheduled to meet in London on Tuesday March 18.

BRITAIN'S PACIFIC DEFENCES

LONDON, March 12 (Reuter): Far-reaching decisions affecting Britain's Defence Commitments in the Pacific are expected to be taken at a meeting of Australian Cabinet Ministers and Defence Chiefs at Canberra today, states the London 'Evening News' diplomatic corespondent. The correspondent adds that he understands that plans may be made for, firstly, replacement of all British troops in occupied Japan by Australian and New Zealand forces towards the end of the year. Secondly, taking over by the Royal Australian Navy—which is to be considerably increased—of large areas at present controlled by the Pacific fleet of the Royal Navy.

TRUMAN WARNS SOVIET

WASHINGTON, March 12 (Reuter).—President Truman today warned the Soviet Union that the United States "cannot allow" Russia to force changes in the present political division of the world by coercion and communist infiltration. He asked Congress to give practical guarantee of their freedom and integrity to Turkey and Greece in the face of Soviet pressure and to authorise expenditure of 400,000,000 dollars to back the warning and guarantee in siding those countries, cables Paul Scott Rankine, Reuter's correspondent.

CURFEW IN JEWISH AREAS

Terrorist Activity Flares Up Again

JERUSALEM, March 12 (Reuter): Terrorist activity flared up in Palestine again today resulting in the imposition of a dusk-to-dawn curfew as from tonight on all predominantly Jewish areas of the Northern coastal strip.

After 10 days of statutory Martial Law, terrorists raided a British military camp in Mea Shearim District of Jerusalem killing one British soldier and wounding eight others. 150 pounds weight of explosive was detonated under covering fire against the wall of a living quarters and the terrorists shot their way through the resulting breach into the camp and among the troops.

The 400 ton illegal immigrant ship 'Susannah' beached between Tel Aviv and Gaza today and a flood of illegal immigrants disappeared inlands. About 560 were rounded up by troops, who cordoned off the area, but a further 200 are still at large. A similar number were stated to be still abroad the ship.

Army officials said that the immigrants will be conveyed to Haifa in military trucks and transhipped to Cyprus deportation camps tonight.

Still more attacks on British troops by terrorists were reported today. They included: serious injury caused to a British soldier when his jeep was blown up by a road mine near Sarona Police camp in Tel Aviv. His companion escaped unhurt.

Armed Jews attacked a camp at Karku near Hadera, North Palestine, with automatic weapons and hand grenades during the night. The night guards returned the fire and the attackers withdrew. There were no casualties and no damage.

South-east of Hadera, near Tulkarm armed men opened fire on a military vehicle. There were no casualties in that incident either. In a second attack, however, one British soldier was slightly wounded when bren gun fire was opened upon a military lorry from an Orange Grove.

SYRIAN PREMIER FOR CAIRO

DAMASCUS, March 12 (Reuter): The Syrian Premier, Jamil Mardam Bey, told a Press Conference today that he would be flying with a Syrian delegation to Cairo on Saturday to attend the Arab League Conference.

He said that the Conference would discuss procedure for submission of the Palestine question to the United Nations and declared that the Arab world was unanimous in demanding an Arab State in Palestine.

Belgian Govt. Resigns

BRUSSELS, March 12 (Reuter): M. Camille Huysmans handed his Government's resignation to Prince Charles, the Belgian Regent this morning.

He later told a Press Conference: "The Government crisis will be brief."

DEATH SENTENCE ON EMPIRE PREFERENCE

CANBERRA, March 12 (Reuter): Sir Earle Page, leader of the Country Party Opposition in the Australian House of Representatives, today accused the United States of inducing Australia and other nations to pass a death sentence on Empire Preference as a result of which the Empire was being "bluffed out of existence". He also stated that a strong action on trade policy might prove a determining factor whether India remained in the Empire or at least in its trade system.

BRITAIN'S POSITION

Mr. Joseph Chiefley, the Prime Minister, said that Empire Preference was vital for certain Australian industries. Among some of the dominions, including Canada and the United Kingdom herself, there was a feeling that exclusive preference could not be maintained. Australia and New Zealand alone could not insist that preference be continued.

"As far as I can see", he said, "the British view is that there must be some modification if she is to join a world trade organisation.

Curfew In Several Frontier Towns

Troops Called Out In Peshawar, Abbottabad And Haripur

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF FINANCE MINISTER: GUARDS FIRE ON ASSAILANTS

PESHAWAR, March 12. (A.P.I.): An attempt was made on the life of Mr. Mehrchand Khanna, Finance Minister, N.W.F. Province this evening. He is unhurt and safe.

Mr. Mehrchand Khanna, Finance Minister was sitting in the verandah of his residence on Saddar Road in Peshawar Cantt, when at about 5 in the evening some shots were fired at him.

One of the shots passed very close of him, it is stated.

The Frontier Constabulary Guard at the house immediately took up position and returned fire. Mr. Khanna escaped unhurt. The Constabulary and the Police are patrolling the area.

The Deputy Commissioner and the Senior Superintendent of Police arrived on the spot and started investigations.

OFFICIAL 'COMMUNIQUE'

The Frontier Government has issued the following Communique tonight: "The Military and the Police detachments are patrolling the city of Peshawar since Monday. Yesterday there were four cases of stabbing and one case of bullet injury. Of these, one proved fatal. In Matanni and three other villages in the vicinity, four places of worship have been burnt. Three persons have been killed and 5 are reported to be missing. There have also been few cases of forcible conversion. Some families have been evacuated from the affected villages under escort of Frontier Constabulary.

News from Kot Najibullah, in Hazara District is causing some anxiety. Troops and Constabulary have been despatched to the area".

ONE KILLED IN MILITARY FIRING

One person was killed and ten injured when Military opened fire on a crowd which blocked the railway line, near Peshawar, tampered with the track and stoned the troops when asked to disperse.

The Frontier Government Communique adds "Seventeen stabbing cases took place on Monday afternoon, three of which proved fatal: An assistant Sub-Inspector Police who was fired at, is lying in a precarious condition in hospital.

Troops were called out on Monday evening and are standing by in the city Kotwali.

The District Magistrate imposed on Monday a twelve hour curfew for three days in Peshawar City from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Curfew has been imposed at Haripur, Havelian, Manshera, Abbottabad, Baffa and Shinkiari.

Troops are standing by at Abbottabad and Haripur.

Baldev Singh In Rawalpindi

RAWALPINDI, March 12 (API).—Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Member in the Interim Government, accompanied by a number of Congress and Sikh leaders including Dr. Gopi Chand Bhargava and Sardar Ajjal Singh, Member, Punjab Legislative Assemby, arrived here by air this morning.

Sardar Baldev Singh in an interview declared that more Military force was on its way to Rawalpindi. The Defence Member added that on his way near Rawalpindi he saw from his plane some villages still burning.

NO INCIDENTS IN LAHORE

LAHORE: The Punjab Government has issued the following communique on the communal situation in the Province:

"The position in Lahore is improving rapidly. There have been no fresh incidents and most shops have resumed business.

"In Amritsar the past 24 hours have been reported quiet, except for one isolated case of arson. Curfew restrictions have been relaxed and there is a free period from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

"Although there was considerable shouting from house tops during the night at Sialkot no fresh incidents are reported and the situation is well in hand.

"No fresh incidents are reported from Rawalpindi town where refugees from the rural areas are coming.

MAMDOT MEETS GOVERNOR

Khan Iftikhar Hussain Khan of Mamdot, President of the Punjab Provincial Muslim League, had an interview with the Governor of the Punjab this morning.

It is understood that the League leader apprised His Excellency of the efforts made by the Provincial Muslim League to restore communal peace in the Province.

BABU LABH SINGH DEAD

JULLUNDUR.—Babu Labh Singh, former President of the Shromani Akali Dal who was seriously injured during the communal disturbances here died in hospital yesterday.

Babu Labh Singh along with Sardar Darbara Singh was moving round the town on a peace mission when he is reported to have been attacked by a mob.

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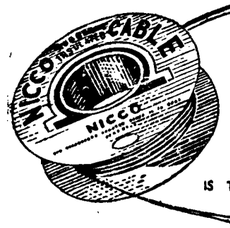

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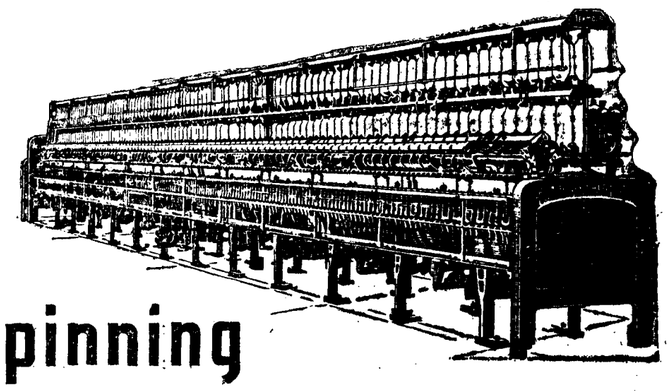

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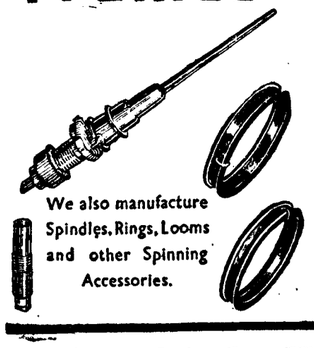

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Inter-Provincial Hockey

Bombay Enter Final

Central India's Unimpressive Display

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

BOMBAY	4
CENTRAL INDIA	1

A number of mistakes committed by the Central India personnel enabled Bombay to enter the final of this year's Inter-Provincial Championship by the very convincing margin of four goals to one. That solitary Central India goal incidentally was scored some five minutes from the end.

Bombay started attacking almost from the start after their opponents had made a couple of excursions in the Bombay half. Some eight minutes after the start of the match Bombay scored their first goal. Akhtar Hussein in the deep defence failed to connect with a first time clearance. Some 25 yards in front of the Central India goal. The ball travelled towards Nanneylal in the goal chased by Munir on the left flank and just a little behind him Pillay and Rodrigues on the right. Nanneylal chased the ball with his pads but Pillay trapped it smartly and dribbling his way to within a couple of yards of the goal passed it to Rodrigues who scored. The next goal came soon afterwards. Rodrigues missed a first timer and the ball went to Kishen who slammed it in from a difficult angle. It was felt that the scores had raised his stick a bit too much.

The losses continued to try valiantly but never really looked like scores Durga Prasad, no longer the dominating, brilliant genius of last year's Aga Khan, failed to knit his team together into a powerful unit. Both Champaklal and Gendalal were sporadic and hardly ever showed much promise. As a leader of the attack Suntoo Ram was disappointing. Even the usually reliable deep defence did not seem to function with its systematic efficiency. Altogether, as a team, the Central India side was hardly recognisable as the superb combination that lifted the Aga Khan last year.

In the second half as well Bombay were fortunate in being presented with two grand opportunities that were fully utilised. Kishen playing well throughout the evening centered hard in front of the goal mouth and Nanneylal intercepting put the ball straight into Munir's hands, enabling him to score the third goal for his side.

A little later an excellent pass from Woodcock was stopped by a defender with his foot, but the referee rightly gave the advantage to Rodrigues who promptly pushed the ball in.

Just before the final whistle Masud netted the losses only goal much against the run of play.

THE TEAMS:

Bombay: Pinto, Ferreira and W. D'Souza, Perumal, G. Pereira and M. Vaz; Kishen, Pillay, Rodrigues, Munir and Woodcock.

Central India: Nanneylal, Rajanna and Akhtar Hussein; Dadoo Ram, Durga Prasad and Rozario; Gendalal, Zahoor, Santoo Ram, Masud and Champaklal.

Thursday's match at 5-45 p.m. Delhi vs. Punjab (2nd Semi-final).

Unbreakable Cricket Bat

A Tasmanian cricket bat maker claims he has made a bat which will not break.

The maker, Mr. T. G. Murphy, of Smithton, has patented it, and plans immediate manufacture. The bat is made from 32 thicknesses of laminated wood, glued together. When tested, the bat did not break under blows from a four-pound hammer.

Mr. Murphy said he intends to manufacture his new type bats from Queensland hoops pine three-ply. He had a secret method for processing the bats to give them the "springing" quality of willow wood. Water, humidity, and temperature changes did not affect it. He thought of making a laminated wood cricket bat when he was cutting firewood. He noticed the difficulty of cutting three-ply wood compared with ordinary grained timber.

WELLINGTON ROUTED IN SECOND INNINGS

M.C.C. Win By 214 Runs

WELLINGTON, March 12, (Reuter): The M.C.C. soon declared here today and then Wellington, wanting 288 runs to win on a sporty pitch, broke down against the pace bowling of Bedser, Voce and Pollard. All made the ball swing and lift.

M.C.C (First Innings)	176
WELLINGTON (First Innings)	160
M.C.C. (Second Innings)	
Washbrook c Ongley b Challies	133
Fishlock c Tindale b Murray	16
Edrich c Tindale b Murray	3
Compton c Oakley b Murray	32
Hammond (st). Tindale b Murray	26
Evans b Murray	4
Ikin (not out)	30
Smith (not out)	23
Extras (byes 3, leg-byes 1)	4
Total (for six wickets)	271

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cave	18	3	47	0
Murray	23	3	85	5
Reaney	4	1	14	0
Wilson	16	2	55	0
Challies	14	0	66	1

WELLINGTON (2nd Innings)

Tindale l.b.w. b Bedser	9
Capstick b Voce	0
Ongley b Bedser	4
Crawford c Bedser b Pollard	3
Lamason b Voce	16
Reaney c Washbrook b Bedser	8
Oakley c Evans b Bedser	3
Wilson c Fishlock b Smith	8
Cave b Pollard	5
Murray (not out)	5
Challies b Pollard	0
Extras (byes 5, leg-byes 4, no-balls 3)	12
Total	73

FALL OF WICKETS: 1 for 1, 2 for 22, 3 for 25, 4 for 27, 5 for 52, 6 for 52, 7 for 57, 8 for 65, 9 for 73.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Voce	8	0	18	2
Bedser	12	4	21	4
Pollard	7	3	9	3
Smith	4	0	13	1

MANUEL ORTIZ REGAINS WORLD BANTAM WEIGHT TITLE

LOS ANGLES, March 12 (Reuter): Manuel Ortiz regained the World Bantam Weight title when he outpointed Harold Dade in a fifteen-round contest here last night.

EAST BENGAL WIN A. I. FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

TRIVANDRUM, March 11, (A.P.I.): East Bengal, Calcutta, won the All-India Football Tournament by defeating the Union Club, Delhi, by three goals to nil in the finals played in the stadium here this evening before a record crowd of ten thousand.

Indian Delegation To I. L. O.

In response to the invitation of the Government of India to nominate the Indian Delegation to the forthcoming session of the International Labour Organisation to be held at Geneva in June next, the All-India Trade Union Congress, at its annual session held recently at Calcutta unanimously elected the following members to constitute the delegation:

DELEGATE: Mr. N. M. Joshi M.L.A. (Central).

ADVISERS:—(1) Mr. Hariharnath Shastri (U.P.), (2) Mr. Manek Gandhi (Ahmedabad), (3) Mr. Adam Adil (Bombay), (4) Mr. B. G. Meshram and (5) Mrs. Shanta Mukerjee.

The delegation is expected to start in the first week of June.

PROBLEMS OF INDIAN COLLIERY LABOUR

An Industrial Committee on Coal Mining representing workers, employers and the Governments of the Centre and of the Provinces and States concerned, will be set up by the Government of India shortly.

It will consist of 8 Government representatives representing the Central Government Departments. Provincial and State Governments in whose areas coalfields lie, 4 representatives of employers and 4 representatives of workers. It will be quite distinct from the Coal Mines Labour Welfare Fund Advisory Committee, but the two will work in close co-ordination with each other.

The Industrial Committee on Coal Mining will discuss all questions relating to the improvement of the social and working conditions of those employed in the coal mining industry. The Committee will also act as the national counterpart of the International Industrial Committee on Coal Mining.

SUPPLY OF YARN INADEQUATE

Weavers' Deputation Meets Minister For Civil Supplies

BOMBAY, March 11, (A.P.I.): A deputation on behalf of the Sholapur Hand-loom Weavers' Association, the Sholapur Master Weavers' Association and the Sholapur District Industrial Co-operative Society waited on the Minister for Civil Supplies, Mr. Dinakar Rao Desai this afternoon to explain the difficulties experienced by the members of the Associations in the manufacturing and marketing of their product.

The deputation drew the Minister's attention to the very inadequate supply of yarn. While the normal yarn requirements of the District were to the extent of 1,900 bales per month, the District has been allotted 600 bales per month. Of this quota the hand loom-weavers get not more than 450 bales per month, it was stated.

The deputation also sought the removal of the ban on the export of cloth to other provinces.

The Minister, it is understood, told the deputation that Government were collecting information about the whole cloth position in the province and that they would bear in mind the requirements of all districts in determining their policy.

PAKISTAN CAN NEVER BE HAD BY THREATS OF VIOLENCE

"Explain Its Meaning; Convince Me Of Its Worth; Then I Too Will Demand It," Says Gandhiji

PATNA, March 12 (UPI): "Pakistan can never be established by threats of violence and bloodshed," said Mahatma Gandhi addressing a gathering of about 80,000 people last evening.

Gandhiji was replying to a letter from a correspondent received by him recently. Replying to the letter Gandhiji said that if a man abused him, it would never do to return the abuse. An evil returned by another evil only succeeded in multiplying it instead of leading to its reduction. It was a universal law that violence could never be quenched by superior violence but only by non-violence.

TRUE NON-VIOLENCE

But the true meaning of non-resistance had been often misunderstood or even distorted. It never implied that non-violent man should bend before the violence of the aggressor. While not returning the latter's violence by violence, he should refuse to submit to the latter's illegitimate demand even to the point of death. That was the true meaning of non-resistance.

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Illustrating this Gandhiji said that if someone asked him under threat of violence to admit a claim, say, like that of Pakistan. In all humility he would ask the aggressor what was really meant by the demand of Pakistan and if he was really satisfied that it was something worth striving for, then he should have no hesitation in proclaiming from the housetop that the demand for Pakistan was just and had to be admitted by everyone concerned. But if the demand was backed by force, then the only course open to a non-violent man was to offer non-resistance against it as long as he was not convinced of its justice.

TOUR PROGRAMME

Mahatma Gandhi's tour of the riot affected areas in Bihar will start from tomorow, it is now learnt. He will visit Kumrhar tomorrow at 4-35 p.m. Kumrhar is a village within the limits of Patna City and is historically famous for ancient relics of civilisation of the Magadha Empire.

Mahatma Gandhi will hold his prayers to-morrow evening near the Mangles tank in Patna City and then return to Dr. Syed Mahmud's place, where he is staying.

A more extensive tour of the Patna District will be undertaken by Mahatma Gandhi beginning from March 17 by motor. He will leave Patna on March 17 for Masaurhi a town about 20 miles from here on the Patna-Gaya Railway line reaching there about 4 p.m. He will hold the prayer meeting there at 5 p.m.

It is not yet decided whether Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan the Frontier Congress Leader who is on a visit here and any Minister of the province would accompany Mahatma Gandhi during the tour.

Gandhiji's Collections For Bihar Muslim Relief

PATNA, March 11, (A.P.I.): A sum of Rs. 1955 was collected by Mahatma Gandhi after his prayer meeting last evening for the Bihar Muslim Relief Fund according to an announcement made from Mahatma Gandhi's camp later in the night.

The first Sunday when he made the appeal for the fund he collect about Rs. 200.

BHAVNAGAR AND CONSEMBLY

BHAVNAGAR, March 12, (A.P.I.): An official statement made by the Bhavnagar Darbar says:—"Under instructions from H. H. the Maharaja Saheb, it is hereby announced that the Bhavnagar Darbar have decided to co-operate in the work of Constituent Assembly as soon as possible".

JODHPUR'S REPRESENTATIVES

JODHPUR, March 12, (A.P.I.): It is officially announced by the Jodhpur State that in terms of the settlement reached by the States and the Constituent Assembly Negotiating Committees, the Jodhpur State will participate in the work of the Constituent Assembly and the requisite steps for the selection of the State's representatives to the Constituent Assembly will soon be taken.

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Two Municipal Hospitals For City

A proposal to open two municipal hospitals is recommended by the Municipal Commissioner to the Municipal Corporation. In the case of one hospital, Dr. G. V. Deshmukh has offered a sum of Rs. one lakh for the maternity and gynaecological hospital to be named Annapurnabai Deshmukh Hospital for Women with 75 beds. Another offer of Rs. 3 lakhs is made by Mr. Gordhandas Jadhavji for the establishment of a General Hospital to be known as Seth Lalji Dongersy and Jadhavji Dongersy Ruparel Hospital with 225 beds. The Municipal Commissioner proposes to buy the Indian Military Hospital at Dharavi for Rs. 7,90,000 and use the same for the aforesaid two hospitals.

The Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation approved of the recommendation of the Municipal Commissioner on Wednesday.

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Hightide 03-17, 16-24.
Lowtide 09-39, 22-01.
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: 3-40 p.m. (S.T.)

Today's Engagements

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER: Messrs. Harkas Madhavdas, M. A. Master, J. C. Setalvad, Sir Behram N. Karanjia and Ramdas Kilachand have been duly elected as the representatives of the Indian Merchants' Chamber on the Board of the Bombay Port Trust for a fresh term of 2 years from 1st April 1947.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP: Meeting at Green's today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. when Mr. A D. Shroff, Tata Director, will speak on "The Government of India Budget."

CONDOLENCE MEETING: To mourn the sad and untimely demise of Shri Zaverchand Meghani, Gujarati poet and author, a public meeting under the joint auspices of various Gujarati Literary and Cultural Societies and Associations will be held under the presidentship of Prof. Ramnarayan Pathak in Blavatsky Lodge today (Thursday), at 6 p.m. Prof. Ramnarayan Pathak will preside.

BOMBAY HAWKERS' UNION: Meeting today (Thursday) at 9 p.m. at 42, Kennedy Bridge to consider situation arising out of arrest of hawkers.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner will meet elected Members of Ward No. 19 tomorrow (Friday) at 8-30 a.m. (S.T.) at Kermani Market (Junction of Arthur Road and DeLisle Road) to go round with them in the ward.

DAWOOD HAJEE NASSER FOR MOMBASA

BOMBAY, Wednesday.—Mr. Dawood Hajee Nasser, President, Africa and Overseas Merchants Chamber, Bombay, is sailing for Mombasa, by s.s. "Rizwani" tomorrow, to study the case of the Indian community in East Africa, in view of the impending Immigration Bill.

FIFTH CONFERENCE OF WORLD RELIGIONS

Fifth Conference of World Religions due to be held in Delhi from 19th to 22nd March, will be inaugurated by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu at "Massey Hall" (Y.M.C.A.), Hon'ble Dr. C. Rajagopalachari, Member, Interim Government, has also agreed to participate in the Conference on the first day. After inauguration, the Conference will split into various sections such as General, Religion, Literature and Culture, Science and Art which will be presided over by Sir R. P. Masani, Dr. P. K. Sen, Mr. K. M. Munshi, Dr. Sir S. S. Bhatnagar and Mr. Asit K. Haldar, respectively. There will also be other distinguished speakers on each day.

A symposium on 21st March and International Music Festival on 22nd March are additional features of the Conference.

MR. NANDA AND INDUSTRIAL COURT

On page 5, Col. 2, of the issue of "The Bombay Chronicle" of Wednesday, March 12, 1947, in the report of the proceedings of the Bombay Legislative Assembly Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Minister in charge of Labour, was stated to have remarked that "The Industrial Court was a creature of Government". We are given to understand that, the word actually used by Mr. Nanda was "creation" and not "creature".

2 ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED THEFT OF CLOTH

Alleged to have been involved in a theft of cloth valued at Rs. 9,000 which took place in a shop in Parsi Bazar Street in February last, Michael Noronha and Gregory Noronha were arrested by the police on Tuesday last.

They were ordered to be released on bail by Mr. G. K. Rege, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, today.

EMERGENCY IN THANA EXTENDED

The Government of Bombay has renewed the proclamation of emergency in the Thana District for a further period of one month from March 14, since public tranquility in the District continues to be disturbed.

KOLABA DIST. BAN ON IMPORT OF KNIVES

The order banning the import etc. of knives and other sharp-edged instruments into the Kolaba District without a previous permit will continue to remain in force for a further period of one month from March 14.

TODAY ON RADIO

THURSDAY, March 13.
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244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Song of Week (by D'Amel) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 M. M. Swaroop (Guitar) 8-45 Selections from 'Kedi" 9-0 Vimal Patki (Vocal).

12-0 p.m. Programme for women (M) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Leela 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E.) 1-40 Music 4-20 School Broadcast 5-0 M. M. Swaroop (Guitar) 5-15 Secret of Musical Doll" 5-45 Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Teri Yaad Men 6-30 Zawwar Hussain (Ghazal, Hasrat) 6-45 S. K. Abhyankar (Vocal) 7-0 T. Shevalker (Pad) 7-15 M. M. Swaroop (Guitar) 7-30 D. R. Nimbargi (Purva Kalyan) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 "Shree" (Part 1) (Original drama by N. G. Kamarnurkar) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 Sports Review (By Jit Kantawala) 10-0 Silloo Panthaki: Violin 10-15 Interlude 10-30 Lyra Quartet (led by Mauro Alphonso.)

Water Supply Scheme For Kalyan

(From Our Own Correspondent)

KALYAN, March 12.—Kalyan City will have water supply from the Badlapur Water Works (from the river Ulias) which was already sanctioned by the Government and the scheme will be put into effect within the course of the next year. The question of drainage system for the city which is roughly estimated to cost about 30 lakhs will be taken over by the Kalyan Borough Municipality with the help of the Government. It is hoped that if the drainage system is introduced the sanitation of the city, which at present is unsatisfactory, will be improved.

GUMASTAS COMPLAINT

A meeting of all Gumastas of Kalyan was held under the auspices of the Kalyan Gumasta Mandal on the March 1, under the presidentship of Dr. V. W. Phadke to discuss their grievances after the introduction of the Shop Assistants Act in this city and also to elect the new Committee for the year 1947-48. There are about 1,200 Gumastas in Kalyan but only 200 Gumastas are getting the benefit of the Act. Majority of the Gumastas are working in the grocery shops and these grocery shop-owners are not giving weekly holidays to their gumastas and violating provisions of the Act. The Gumastas appeal to the Government to take necessary steps to enforce the Act if the Municipality fails to execute it properly.

A KALYAN GRIEVANCE

(From Our Correspondent).

KALYAN, March 7.—At a public meeting of the citizens of Kalyan speakers dwelt on the urgent need for constructing an approach road from the city to the cremation ground, which is about a mile's distance. There is no pro-road nor lighting arrangements. It is very difficult, especially in the rainy season, to reach the place. The local Municipality is not taking interest in the question. The meeting appointed committees to collect funds and execute the work.

DR. T. G. SHIRNAME

Dr. T. G. Shirname, Deputy Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India would be leaving India on a Government of India deputation by air before the end of this month to study planning and administration of agricultural commerce in Australia, U.S.A., Canada, U.K., Eire and Denmark. He will return to India by the end of September, 1947, when he takes over the office of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India. During his deputation abroad he would also attend the International Conference of Agricultural Economists as a representative of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics of which he is the Vice-President.

HIGHER GRADES OF PAY AND WEEKLY HOLIDAY

Municipal Executive Staff Demans

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

With a view to helping the members of the Bombay Municipal Standing Committee in their deliberations over the revised grades of the different categories of the executive staff of the Municipal Corporation, representatives of the Executive Staff Union of the Corporation led by their President Mr. R. K. Karanjia met the members of the Committee at the Corporation Hall this afternoon.

The representatives pointed out certain anomalies in the grades as proposed by the Municipal Commissioner as against the grades asked for by the Union. They further pleaded that the executive staff having greater responsibility should be given a higher grade than the clerical staff.

WEEKLY HOLIDAY

The Union representatives further stressed the desirability of granting weekly holiday to the executive staff which was already granted to the labour staff. In this connection it was pointed out that several officers of the executive staff had worked for more than twenty years without enjoying a day off during the week.

After a patient hearing Mr. Dahyabhai Patel, Chairman of the Standing Committee promised to give a sympathetic consideration to the proposals put forward by the representatives of the Union.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies Station, and Lady Palliser, attended by Lieutenant N.E.F. Dalrymple-Hamilton, Flag-Lieutenant, arrived at Government House.

Lt.-General Sir Rob Lockhart, Sir Victor Sassoon, Sir Ness Wadia, Sir John Greaves, Captain E. C. Crisp, R.N., Commander Faria Pereira, Mr. C. F. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner and Mr. M. I. Horniman lunched at Government House.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Colville entertained Naval Officers when the Governor's Body Guard performed a Musical Ride at the Body Guard Lines, Mahaluxmi.

Our Hubli Correspondent says, it is reliably learnt that the Government Godown-keeper, Dharwar, has been suspended following a search of his house some days back when considerable quantities of foodgrains and sugar were recovered by the Anti-Corruption unit.

ATHENS, March 12 (APA).—An authoritative source said yesterday that reports received by the Greek government from London indicated that Russia would not raise the Greek question in the Moscow Conference as a result of the firm stand taken by the United States on the question.

JINNAH'S ADVICE TO CITY MUSLIM JOURNALISTS

Guide Nation's Progress Honestly And Without Any Fear

BOMBAY, March 12 (API): Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, today said that there was no other solution which would do credit and honour to the millions of Mussalmans of India except Pakistan. Mr. Jinnah speaking at a party given in his honour by the Bombay Provincial Muslim Journalists Association, at Taj Mahal Hotel this evening.

Mr. Jinnah said: "There is no other course open except that we must organise ourselves in every department of our life. Journalism has a very important part to play in the life of our nation. Very often it is being said that we do not find capable Muslim journalists"

Mr. Jinnah congratulated the Muslim Journalists on the formation of the Association and said: "We have got to stand on our own legs. Our ideology, our goal, our basic and fundamental principles and programme are not only different from the Hindu organisations, but are in conflict. It is obvious, therefore, that the two cannot be put together and work, in co-operation; there is no common ground for co-operation or harmonious working".

DO NOT ALLOW OUTSIDERS

"I have been preaching for nearly ten years. There was a time when it was said that I was holding some fantastic ideas. There was a time that the idea of Pakistan was laughed at. But let me tell you that there is no other solution which will do credit and bring honour to your people. Do not allow any outsider to come in and create trouble or differences in our ranks. It is our business, our house, and it is our duty to put it in order and not the business of outsiders".

Mr. Jinnah said that attempts were being made on "the other side" to create differences among Muslims and present obstacles in the attainment of Pakistan, but to a very great extent these obstacles have been "flattened out".

Referring to the profession of journalism, Mr. Jinnah said that this profession was a difficult one. "You have great power. You can guide and misguide people. You can make or mar the biggest personality. The power of the Press is really great, but you must remember that this power which you are wielding is a trust. Look upon it as a great trust and remember that you are guiding honestly and sincerely the progress and welfare of your nation. At the same time I expect you to be completely fearless".

CRITICISE HONESTLY

Mr. Jinnah said that he welcomed criticism. "If I go wrong, or for that matter, the League goes wrong in any direction of its policy or programme, I want you to criticise it honestly as its friend, in fact, as one whose heart is beating with the Muslim nation".

The League President referred to the growing strength of the All-India Muslim League and said, "It has moved from strength to strength, no matter what comes in its way. It is difficult to break the ice in the initial stage, but once it is broken you can swim in the ocean as free men. Let us move on and move together and, Inshallah, we shall have Pakistan".

Mr. Aziz Beg, President of the Bombay Provincial Muslim Journalists Association, welcoming Mr. Jinnah said that the causes which led to the formation of the Association were the same as were responsible for the creation of the All-India Muslim League and for the demand of Pakistan.

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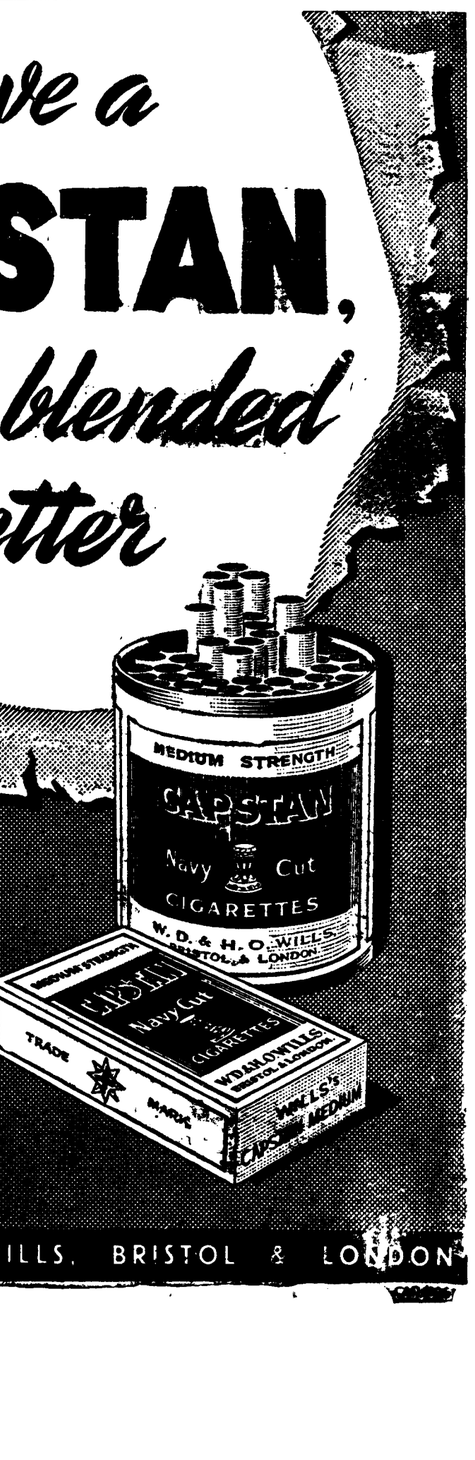

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 12, (A.P.I.):

Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st November 1946 and departure from normal recorded at eight hrs. I.S.T. on 12th March 1947.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

Following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday, March 12.

Yesterday's low pressure area over Rajputana is moving across the hills of the West United Provinces. Thunder-rain has been widespread in the United Provinces and East Central India and local in the North Central Provinces, the East and North Punjab and Baluchistan. There have also been a few showers in West Rajputana West Central India, Chota Nagpur and Assam.

FORECAST UNTIL THE 13TH EVENING:— Thunder-showers will occur locally in North-East India and at a few stations along the North-West Frontier, in and near the Punjab Kumaon Hills in the East United Provinces and the North Madras coast.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Enthusiasm is the element of success in everything. It is the light that leads and the strength that lifts men on and up in the great struggles of scientific pursuits and of professional labour. It robs endurance of difficulty, and makes a pleasure of duty.

—Bishop Doane.

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CONGRESS REORGANISATION

The report that the Congress Constitution Committee which is due to meet at Lucknow next week, will consider the question of changing the aim of the Congress from "attainment of Swaraj" to "establishment of Swaraj" and other allied questions in view of the announcement of the British Government of February 20 is but a slight indication of the need for radical changes in the constitution, policy and programmes of the Congress. Many changes have been suggested by the experience of Congress work during the last several years and by the renewed and wider responsibilities of the Congress in the administration of the country under conditions approximating to self-government. The problem of determining the necessary changes has only been made urgent by the British announcement. A few days ago a conference of the Presidents and Secretaries of Provincial Congress Committees, held at Allahabad, adopted several resolutions recommending to the Working Committee a number of changes in the organisation and work of the Congress. The principal recommendations were about: (1) strengthening the village Congress Committees with whole time workers; (2) better organisation of workers and peasants; (3) reorganising Congress volunteers; (4) co-ordination of Congress activities with those of Congress Governments; (5) more attention to the Constructive programme; and (6) the training of workers. The Working Committee which met last week has published an elaborate scheme of reorganising Congress volunteers and has appointed Major-General Shah Nawaz Khan to be in charge of the work. The Committee has also generally approved of the resolution of the Allahabad Conference on the Constructive Programme and appointed a special Committee to guide Congress Committees and the public in carrying out the programme in general with special reference to khadi, village industries, basic education, Harijan work, literacy and Hindustani Prachar. If the Congress, which is being reorganised, carries out earnestly the proposed schemes of work, it will help much to establish the Swaraj which is now in the process of being completely achieved and to teach the people really to govern themselves.

The Working Committee has rightly given special attention to the reorganisation of Congress volunteers. At present many Congress Committees have no trained volunteers of their own. Many of the volunteers who are available are indifferently, if it all, trained and are not wholly amenable to Congress discipline. Such a state of things may be a source of danger in the trying times ahead. The new volunteer organisation, to be hereafter called Congress Seva Dal, rightly emphasises the following among its objects: "To promote national unity by rendering service through constructive programme to all persons irrespective of caste and creed; to improve the health and physique of the Indian people through physical culture and training; and in times of emergency to act as a peace and relief brigade and undertake to protect the life, honour and property of the people." On the other hand it is rightly provided that the Congress Seva Dal "shall hold aloof from party politics within the Congress and no officers will be entitled to hold any elective post in the Congress" and that "no Congressman shall organise or join any volunteer Dal other than the Congress Seva Dal." If these rules are strictly enforced they will help much to end the common malpractice of influential Congressmen using the volunteers to canvass votes for themselves at Congress or other elections. The new scheme has long been overdue and needs to be worked out extensively without any further delay.

The Constructive Programme has often and often been commended by Gandhiji and the Working Committee to the Subordinate Congress Committees. But the actual work done by these committees is extremely limited, the tendency being to leave it to the safe hands of bodies like the Spinners' Association, the Village Industries Association, the Harijan Sevak Sangh, the Talimi Sangh, etc. This was perhaps inevitable when Congress Committees ran the risk of being banned by Government at any time and when many Congress workers, when free, had to prepare themselves and the public for any militant programme that might be found necessary at any time. But the position is now different and Congress Committees can and must concentrate their best attention on the Constructive Programme with such financial and other aid as they can get from Government and bodies like the Spinners' Association and others named above. Of special importance are the items of communal concord and the removal of untouchability, both items being essential for the promotion of national unity. Worked as a whole, the Constructive Programme must lead to the most beneficent and fruitful mass contact and help the people, villagers in particular, to be self-reliant and self-sufficient to foster among them the true co-operative spirit, in short, to train them in self-rule in the best and fullest sense of the term.

Frankly Speaking

Physical Training For Girls

In reply to a question in the Bombay Assembly on the physical training of girls the Prime Minister stated that the number of women instructors for physical training were, 48 holding the diploma in physical training, 23 who had attended a short-term course, and 47 untrained. Considering the fast-growing number of girls in secondary schools these figures leave much to be desired, though even these are due mainly to the initiative of the Congress Government and, in particular, of Mr. Kher, our Premier and Education Minister. He may be trusted to improve these figures as fast as possible. Physical training in schools has long been sadly neglected in India, particularly training for girls, and we have to make amends fast. Schools should be encouraged with special grants to give more attention to physical training by trained instructors or instructresses, and the trainees with scholarships during the period of training.

Interesting Suggestion

An interesting suggestion has been made by the Indian Workers' Association in Great Britain in connection with the racial question in South Africa". Unless racial discrimination is banished from South Africa", the Association says, "it would be best for Indians to appeal to the United Nations for the creation of an Autonomous State in Natal, which could form a group with the Negro Protectorates of Swaziland, Basutoland and Bechuanaland" The Whites are essentially foreigners in South Africa but they are lording it over a large part of territory and have reduced every coloured man, woman and child by law to the status of their slaves without any rights and without any future. It would not be quite a bad compromise solution if the Union territories were divided between the Whites and the Coloured which would enable the latter to lead a life of freedom and of hope. And it would save those three Protectorates, too, which are in danger of being grabbed by the greedy Whites. In view of its last resolution on racial discrimination in South Africa and in view of the defiant attitude of General Smuts it is the duty of the United Nations Organisation to do something. But will it?

The Main Issue

As was only to be expected, China has reacted quickly and sharply to M. Molotov's surprise proposal that the Foreign Ministers of the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and France should officially discuss the situation in China. It is uncalled for insult to China, a power that has been acknowledged to be equal in status to the other Four. Apart from that, the proposal, as China's Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-Chieh stressed, involves inteference in the internal affairs of a state and that too while the state concerned is excluded from the discussion. Provided the State concerned is there, it would be a desirable practice if the other Big Powers interest themselves in its internal affairs, but only on the fundamental condition that every other Big Power is also subject to such interest. Will the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and France agree, each of them, to have its internal situation discussed as M. Molotov wanted in case of China? If the principle is accepted it will be a welcome development towards the promotion of peace and security in the world. But not one of them would dream of accepting it, certainly not M. Molotov. A compromise, we learn, has been arrived at on the Molotov proposal which will now be discussed informally. But this compromise does not affect the fundamental issue raised by M. Molotov's proposal.

Silly Argument

The other day a Conservative M.P., Captain Gammans, expressed himself in the Commons as profoundly concerned over the future of the Andamans and Nicobars in the context of the transfer of power in India. He doesn't want those islands to be given to India but rather to be retained by Britain. For, they are strategically useful to Britain and their retention is further justified by the rush of America and Russia to acquire strategic islands and territories all over the world. Moreover, of the 17,000 inhabitants on the islands, although 12,000 are Indians, they are, Captain Gammans urged "mostly criminals". This was the silliest argument which even a Tory could advance. In his anxiety he forgot Australia. It is a fact—and when Australians among some of the Britishers too much by their robustly independent behaviour and attitude, the latter derive whatever poor consolation is possible by recalling it—that the original colonists of Australia were mostly "criminals" from the British Isles.

Importance To India

And yet the Gammans of Britain always insist on the relationship between Britain and Australia being closely and unbreakably that of mother and child. No Tory would ever dream of separation between Britain and "criminal" Australia and certainly not of Australia being attached to some other country. The relation between India and the Andamans and Nicobars is similar. With this difference that later Australia developed from a colony to a Dominion. But that would be a matter between India and those islands when the time comes. Others have got little to do with it. Moreover, if the Andamans and the Nicobars are of strategic interest to Britain, they are of vital importance, strategically to India and Indian security. The Tories ought to be more logical in their arguments and less ridiculously blundering.

What Does The Budget Mean To Us?

(By M. V. RAO)

Up to now, the Central Indian Finances were in the hands of a foreign bureaucracy, irresponsible and unresponsive to public opinion. The Budget was comparatively a small matter compared with the achievement of control over our own affairs. But now the time is come when, in the words of H. G. Wells, "the free intelligence of the common man", should understand, criticize and guide our affairs. The "power to tax" is a potent weapon. The budget is, therefore, not a matter of those "wretched figures" to be left to the care of "experts" and "financiers". It vitally affects our daily life. It could mean better trade, better employment or it may mean unemployment and dark days; a higher cost for the necessities of life, or cheaper goods.

RELIEF TO TAXPAYERS.

The Interim Government's Budget naturally recognizes the principles of progressive finance. Although much remains to be done, the abolition of the salt duty, a tax weighing more heavily on the poor than on the rich, has been abolished. The relief is small but the raising of the exemption income from Rs. 2,000 per annum to Rs. 2,500 is to be welcomed.

These reliefs decrease the revenue. The salt tax abolition has cost nine and a quarter crores direct and another crore on stocks. The raising of the exemption limit costs another twenty-five lacs. Therefore, with Revenue at 279.42 on the existing level of taxation, and Expenditure at 327.88 crores, allowing for the relief, there appears a net deficit of Rs. 56.71 crores to be provided for.

Government could make this up by (1) Fresh taxation, (2) Borrowing from the public by floating Government loans, and (3) By fiduciary issue.

Government borrowing is already budgetted at 150 crores. Since last year Government borrowing was successful only up to 112 crores, further borrowing would mean forced finance. In every community a certain amount of income is required to be saved for productive investment. Therefore, when Government starts borrowing less is available for investment. Alternative (3) is hardly to be thought of since inflation is high and cost of living is an anxiety. The alternative is to introduce fresh taxes.

Nobody likes paying taxes. Everybody would like to protest. The new proposed taxes will fall heavily on the profits of big corporations and the rich. It is natural that they should protest. It is necessary, therefore, to think out how far the proposals are "dangerous" and "will cripple production", etc.

TAX ON PROFITS.

First we may consider the 25 per cent tax on profits exceeding one lakh and the raising of the corporation tax to two annas from one anna in the rupee. The corporation tax is applicable to all companies and being a tax on profit there is no serious anomaly. But the twenty-five per cent tax on profits exceeding one lakh will be seriously unequal in relation to the size of enterprise. Certain enterprises, for example the basic industries like steel, heavy chemicals, etc. require a large capital. The risks taken and the resources employed (in money and men and brains) are much bigger. On the other hand, small enterprises like an oil or rice mill reuqire a small outlay or limited resources. One lakh would pay ample dividends on the small outlays, and inconsiderable where the capital runs into crores. This means investors would generally prefer to support the smaller firms, since the return would be, other things being equal, nearly 25 per cent less on the greater enterprise. All of us would support increased production as the only salvation for our want and distress. This differential treatment to big and small enterprises would, therefore, be a serious drawback.

Fither Government should step in and boldly say "we shall take over all the big enterprises", or they should make it equally worthwhile for investors to invest in the bigger enterprises. The imposition of a differential tax without shouldering the responsibilities consequent would lead to worse instead of better enterprise and production.

MAKE IT MORE EQUITABLE.

When there is so much disagreement and confusion as between "planning", "priority", "regional" and "national" it is a hasty step to discourage bold enterprise and large production. The more rational course is to make the tax more equitable as between firms of different size and relate it to the capital. Also, in fairness, Government should allow private enterprise to compete on fairly equal terms with Government borrowing or should be prepared to take the place of big business and Government themselves enter into productive enterprise.

What will this mean in practice? It means that at least the first six per cent profit on capital should not attract the special twenty-five per cent tax, as in the case of, say the three per cent on Government loans, so that people need not think of Government loans as the only worthwhile investment. After exempting the first six per cent, all companies may be treated alike subject to a minimum of say one lakh or fifty thousand, since the smaller companies have much smaller resources to meet the storms of trade reversal. Here we must have a simple definition of "capital" which can be understood by ordinary man instead of the complications of the "working capital" of E.P.T. It appears sufficient to include ordinary and preference share capital and the "reserves" (i.e. the undistributed profits, shown as reserves in the balance sheet after making deductions for depreciations as given in the income-tax rules). This would prevent the showing up of false reserve and would ensure equitable treatment to the prudent and the big enterprises.

TAX ON CAPITAL GAINS.

The next tax to be considered is the tax on capital gains. An all-progressive taxation, it is considered fair and proper that the State should get a proper share of "unearned" gains. A man buying land or gold, waiting for a couple of years and then selling it at fabulous profit can certainly afford to part with a portion of it to the State.

The experience of such taxes in America, France or Germany is not quite happy. For one thing it would retard the easy transfer of property, and in America it is said to have led to postponing sales and cornering, monopoly, inflationary conditions, etc It would be preferable to restrict it to the sale of enterprises as a whole and to speculation as in Germany. The tax on sale of an enterprise at a huge profit is not unlike death duties, and would be generally simple in application. The tax may be restricted to securities as in France, and should prove useful, if sufficient ingenuity is available to discover and check purely speculative profits.

As regards other transactions, it is to be hoped that the tax will be a temporary measure since abnormal capital gains are a feature of abnormal inflation and will disappear with normal conditions. Those who make the most of it, the Black Marketeers, are the most difficult to catch.

With equitable adjustment the supposed dangers of "crippling private enterprise" would disappear. In suggesting tobacco as the alternative source of revenue, some critics are suggesting a regressive tax, since chewing tobacco and betel nuts have become necessities to the ordinary folk! The shifting of the burden to weaker shoulders is only postponing payment. We require capital more energetic and alert, and it can have one's full support if it is not frightened of paying a substantial share out of large profits to the State.

A HAPPY AUGURY.

To the common man it is indeed a happy augury that our major political parties, supposed to be divided on "irreconcilable" differences, should cooperate fully in the matter of progressive State Finance, and should think and act alike in those very vital matters which are the basis of strife and "irreconcilable conflict" amongst political parties of other countries.

Yarn Shortage Raised In Central Assembly

RAJAJI ADVOCATES HAND-SPINNING TO TIDE OVER CRISIS

NEW DELHI, March 12 (A.P.I.): In the Central Assembly today the President ruled out an adjournment motion tabled by Mr. S. Guruswamy to discuss the proposed termination of the services of Ordnance Officers (civilian) of the Indian Army Ordnance Corps beginning from March 14, 1947 despite the Interim recommendation of the Nationalisation Committee to withdraw the notices and release a corresponding number of British officers."

Mr. G. S. Bhalja, Defence Secretary, said that notices had been issued to 135 Ordnance Officers (civilian) that their services were no longer required. They were the last to be appointed and had to go in any case because we had got many times more Indian officers in the corps than could be provided work in the post-war army.

The Industries Member, Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar advocated hand-spinning as an "immediate and effective" short-term measure for increasing the supply of yarn to handloom weavers so as to enable them to produce more cloth to meet the present shortage".

He was speaking on a cut motion moved by Syed Ghulam Bhik Narang (Muslim League) to discuss "the inadequate supply and mismanaged distribution of yarn among handloom weavers and fishermen".

Mr. Rajagopalachariar pointed out that only a fourth of the entire production of mill yarn in India was placed at the disposal of handloom weavers. That amounted to some 80,000 bales, each bale containing 400 lbs. Distribution was entirely in the hands of Provincial Governments from a fixed quota which each received. The present allotment was sufficient only to utilise a third or a half of the productive capacity of handloom weavers. In order to utilise their full capacity, it would be necessary to increase the supply of yarn to something like 170,000 bales.

PLEA FOR NEW STATE—MANAGED SPINNING MILLS

In order to make more yarn available to handloom weavers, a number of ways had been suggested during the debate. It had been suggested that composite mills which produced yarn and manufactured cloth out of that yarn should be asked to use only 30 or 400 per cent of their yarn, that production of cloth by mills should be regulated by securing a switch-over from coarse to fine cloth, and that the State should start new spinning mills and reserve all the yarn produced by them for the use of handloom weavers.

These, he suggested, were mainly long-term measures which were receiving Government's consideration. Particularly regulation of mill production of cloth and requisitioning of a certain quota of yarn produced by mills as a first charge for handloom weavers.

TAP SOURCE OF HAND-SPINNING

But the more effective and immediate step seemed to him to be to tap the source of hand-spinning much more than had hitherto been done; to get yarn from the cottages in addition to getting yarn from the mills. There was no conflict between the two, he made it clear. Hand-spun yarn was something which could be made available straightaway.

There was ready at hand, he said, a large source of cloth production and a large fund of manpower willing to put forth its best effort to make cloth. In the present circumstances, it was not mere concern for the handloom weaver or condescension towards him. It was absolute necessity that was driving the Government to help him as the only practical way of getting more cloth for the country.

CUT MOTION WITHDRAWN

After the Industries Member's reply the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Mohd. Nauman moved and withdrew after discussion a cut motion to discuss the marking of price and control on cotton cloth produced by Indian mills.

LEAVE IT TO ECONOMY COMMITTEE

Mr. D. P. Karmarkar moved and withdrew after discussion a cut motion to discuss the necessity of effecting general economy in the expenditure of various departments.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Finance Member, said he was hopeful that the economy Committee which Government proposed to appoint would be able to make some very valuable recommendations for reducing unnecessary expenditure that might have been incurred or was being incurred in the various departments of the Government of India.

Prof. N. G. Ranga moved a cut motion to discuss the policy regarding controls other than food. He was supported by Dr. J. C. Chatterjee, Mr. Tamizuddin Khan, Mr. Sri. Prakasa, Seth Sukhdev and Choudhury Sri Chand. The speakers strongly criticised the working of the controls and said that maladministration of controls had led to great hardships to the poor people, black-marketting, corruption and favouritism.

Prof. Ranga found general support for his plea that Government should try to withdrew controls as soon as possible.

The debate had not concluded when the House adjourned till tomorrow.

Assembly Interpellations

NEW DELHI, March 12, A.P.I.): Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, Member for Education, said in the Assembly today in reply to Seth Govind Das that the proposal for the establishment of a National Museum of Art, Archaeology and Anthropology has been accepted in principle by the Government of India. The estimated total capital cost of the scheme including building, equipment etc., would be about rupees one crore. It would take about five years to complete the scheme and the ultimate recurring cost when it was in full operation would be about Rs. 2.5 lakhs

Maulana Azad said in reply to Mr. S. S. Sanyal that the Central Advisory Board of Education had recommended the setting up of a Indian Academy of Music, Drama and Dancing. The proposal was under examination.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Member, said in a written reply to Sir Vijaya Ananda that twelve persons were in custody under trial for offences against the Ordinary Criminal Law committed against residents of the Adamans during Japanese occupation.

AUXILIARY FORCE

Mr. G. S. Bhalja, Defence Secretary, said in a written reply to Pandit Mukut Behar Lal Bhargava that the Auxiliary Force (India) was likely to be wound up by June, 1948.

The Auxiliary Force (India) was open to European British subjects as defined in the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 and British subjects of European decent in the male line. These included Anglo-Indians and domiciled Europeans who were nationals of this country.

Question: Do Government propose to consider the advisibility of removing these restrictions?

Ans: No, Sir, since there can clearly be no place for a force such as the Auxiliary Force (India), as at present constituted, in a self-Governing India, and the force is likely to be wound up by June, 1948.

NEW YORK SILVER PRICES

The Finance Member, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, said in reply to the same member that there had recently been a rise in the price of New York silver which stood at 84-3/4 cents and the fall which took place about a month ago appeared to have been a temporary phase due to various factors such as the supply and demand position and the desire to take advantage of the high price in New York and not necessarily due to race to obtain U. S. dollars

There had been no export of silver from India for sale in the U.S.A.

Post-War Revised Pay Scales

BOMBAY, March 12 (API): The Government of Bombay has decided that the post-war revised pay scales for Government servants under its rule-making control which are under consideration at present will be given retrospective effect from 1st January 1947, says a Press Note.

CONGRESS WALK OUT FROM BENGAL COUNCIL

Protest Against Fixing Session "Without Consulting Opposition"

CALCUTTA, March 12 (A. P. I.): Congress members of the Bengal Legislative Council walked out of the Chamber to-night as a protest against the fixing up of a night session by the Chair for the discussion of the Bengal Ordinances Temporary Enactment Bill, "without consulting the Opposition" and "in contravention of the established canons of justice."

The Deputy Leader of the Congress Party, Mr. Lalit Chandra Das, described this procedure as "muzzling public opinion and stifling the voice of the Opposition in respect of the Bill."

The Bill seeks to continue in force the provisions of 10 Ordinances which were promulgated after the expiry of the Defence of India Rules.

The President of the Council, Sir B. P. Singh Roy, denied that he had any intention of muzzling the Opposition. They had been allowed the utmost privilege in moving their motions and speaking on amendments, he said.

TRANSPORT SERVICE TO BE TAKEN OVER BY GOVT.

The Government of Bengal had worked out a scheme for the formation of a Calcutta Passenger Transport Board to take over all passenger transport service in the city, including the tramways, said Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmed, Commerce Minister, replying to a question in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day. He added that the necessary legislative proposals for the purpose were now under consideration.

Government, he said, had also decided to use their option of purchase with regard to the Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation and other Allied concerns from Jan. 1, 1950.

CORNWALLIS SQUARE BECOMES AZAD HIND BAGH

The Calcutta Corporation to-day decided to rename Cornwallis Square, one of the oldest and biggest public enclosures in the city as Azad Hind Bagh.

An amendment moved by a Muslim League Councillor to rename the Square as Azad Bangla Bagh was rejected by 25 votes to 11. Muslim League Councillors voting for and Congress and Hindu Mahasabha Councillors against the amendment. European Councillors remained neutral.

PLAGUE IN THANA DISTRICT

DAHANU, March 12 (A.P.I.): Information received here shows that plague has broken out in epidemic form in Shapur, a taluka town in the Thana District.

Four cases of attack from plague were reported of which two proved fatal. Precautionary measures are being vigorously adopted by the authorities concerned to check the spread of the epidemic.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION

Public Reception At Kamgar Maidan

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A large gathering of workers attended a public reception given this evening at the Kamgar Maidan in honour of the International Youth Commission which arrived in the city, yesterday.

Mr. Dinker Desai, General Secretary, Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress, presided.

Miss Sushila Madiman, Secretary of the Reception Committee, which organised to-day's meetings, welcomed the members of the Commission and introduced them to the gathering.

Speeches of welcome were also made by Mr. Rauf Khan, on behalf of the Bombay Provincial Muslim Students' Union, and Mr. S. A. Dange, Communist leader.

Replying to the welcome given to the Commission, Jean Lautissier, the French member, speaking in his own tongue, observed that India could always be assured of all possible help in her struggle for freedom, from the World Federation of Democratic Youths which has sent the Commission to India.

Referring to the imperialist war being waged by France against Viet Nam, he emphasised that a small group of reactionary capitalists was responsible for the war while the majority of the French people were against it.

Olga Chetchotkina of the Soviet Union speaking in Russian, said that Fascism and Imperialism were not yet completely exterminated and it required the combined efforts of all freedom-loving people of the world to end the menace for ever.

The speeches of the members of the Commission were translated into Marathi by interpreters.

INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES

NEW DELHI, March 12, (A.P.I.): The Economic Adviser's All-India index of wholesale prices of food articles (base: last week of August 1939-100) for the week ended February 22, 1947 worked out to 273.4 as compared with 275.1 for the previous week and 241.7 for the corresponding week of the previous year.

During the week "cereals" remained unchanged at 284.7 while "pulses" declined from 399.2 to 394.8 and "other food articles" from 236.4 to 232.7.

TETE A TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

MOSCOW, March 11: The "Big Four" Foreign Ministers agreed to-day to discuss the situation in China. However, the discussion will be informal and the matter will not be placed on the conference agenda.

—Reuter.

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Referring to recent Press reports and speculations on the subject, Mr. Shreenivasan, a Gwalior Minister says: "Anyhow, we have now crossed the threshold at which some seemed to falter and vacillate. The representatives of Gwalior will take part as early as possible in the work of the Constituent Assembly and its committees."

And that's what matters.

With, of course, our sympathies to the distinguished falterers and vacillators who still want to stand by their faltering and vacillating.

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In the Central Assembly, Mr. N. Shiva Raj, the Schedule Castes leader, said that of late a feeling had come over the members of his community that the Government of India was trying to undo what little had been done by the Government of India hitherto.

Was it modesty or loyalty or both which precluded Mr. Shiva Raj from telling how the feeling was—or—brought?

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Munshi Ahmad Din, the Punjab Socialist leader, urges that immediate formation of an all major parties' Coalition Ministry is "essential for the restoration of peace and order in the province."

Yes, but how?

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On Tuesday last members of the Muslim League Party in the Assam Legislative Assembly withdrew from the House as a mark of protest against the arrest of the President of the Assam Provincial Muslim League.

We understand, however, that Premier Bardoloi did NOT speed the withdrawing members with the injunction: "Don't come back."

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According to a Press report Pirzada Abdus Sattar, a Sind Minister, wants immediate revision of the present communal proportion (60-40) in Government services in order to raise it to 70-30, according to the actual Muslim-Hindu percentages of the population.

But if it is taken up as a precedent in the "minority" provinces and at the Centre?

Evidently the Pirzada's patriotism begins and ends at home.

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PURANA QILA TRANSFORMED INTO 'FRISCO

—Headline to a New Delhi Report.

Hardly a compliment to the ancient Fort hoary with age and traditions.

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The Indian Workers' Association of Great Britain points out that "the ghost of Hitler has risen in South Africa."

Quite sure? Considering historical seniority in the matter, Hitler himself was a ghost of "South Africa".

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Dr. Teng, the Chinese Ambassador, is reported to have declared at a London luncheon that it was China's claim that although she had been in many wars she had never been in a war of aggression.

China always was in wars of aggression—at the receiving end.

And presently she is going to get another—in nerves.

THANA PREPARES FOR PROHIBITION

DAHANU, March 12 (API): As a prelude to the coming of complete prohibition in the Thana District, the Government of Bombay have announced several stringent measures. These include the closure of 31 country liquor shops out of a total of about 130 shops; the cut in rations of liquor to the remaining shops; increasing the duty on country liquor almost double of the present duty and lastly prohibition of sale of country liquor in licensed shops on two days every week—Wednesday and Sunday. It is understood that after the period of the present licenses expires, there is likely to be a cut of 25 per cent in toddy tree-foot booths and shops.

It is stated that with all these cuts and stringent measures, the sale proceeds of the country liquor shops in the district at the recent auctions were the highest on record.

SWISS ASSAULT ON HIMALAYAS

ZURICH, March 12 (A.P.A.): Swiss Alpinists are planning expeditions to two areas of the Himalayas in the coming summer. The Swiss Foundation for Alpine Research is sponsoring the expeditions, which will leave here as one group in May. In India the group will split into two sections. One section will go to the Gangotri area of the Himalayas in the United Provinces, the other to the Gilgit area in Kashmir.

"Armament Practice Camp" Story Denied

NEW DELHI, March 12 (API): A News Agency report to the effect that the British Government is negotiating with the Government of India for the establishment of an "Armament Practice Camp" in the North-West Frontier Province for use by the R.A.F. is completely incorrect, says a Communique.

No such negotiations are taking place nor have the Government of India received any such proposals.

Bombay Ban On Khandsari Sugar

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Government of Bombay has issued an order under the Essential Supplies (temporary Powers) Act, 1946, prohibiting the manufacture of Khandsari Sugar from sungar-cane juice, rab or jaggery in the province of Bombay, with immediate effect.

HELP GREECE AND TURKEY

President Truman's Appeal To Congress

WASHINTON, March 12 (Reuter): President Truman to-day appealed to Congress to assist Greece and Turkey to the extent of 400,000,000 dollars for the period ending June 30.

In addition to financial aid, President Truman asked Congress to authorise the United States civilian and military personnel being sent to Greece and Turkey to assist in reconstruction and supervise the use of the financial and material assistance offered.

President Truman also recommended that authority be provided for instruction and training of selected Greeks and Turks.

Warning that "the very existence of the Greek State is to-day threatened by terrorist activities of several thousand armed men", the President said, "Assistance is imperative if Greece is to survive as a free nation. The Government is unable to cope with the situation. The British Government which has been helping Greece can give no further financial or economic aid after March 31.

"Great Britain finds itself under the necessity of reducing or liquidating its commitments in several parts of the world, including Greece. Turkey now needs our support. Since the war, Turkey has sought financial assistance of Britain and the United States for the purpose of effecting that modernisation necessary for the maintenance of its national integrity. That integrity is essential to the preservation of the Middle East. We are the only country able to provide that help.

SUPPORT FREE PEOPLES

"The peoples of a number of countries of the world have recently had totalitarian regimes forced upon them against their will. The Government of the United States has made frequent protests against coercion and intimidation in violation of the Yalta Agreement in Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria. I must also state that in a number of other countries, there have been similar developments.

"The world is not static and 'status quo' is not sacred. But we cannot allow changes in 'status quo' in violation of the charter of the United Nations by such methods as coercion or by such subterfuges as political infiltration.

"If Greece should fall under the control of an armed minority, the effect upon its neighbour Turkey would be immediate and serious. Confusion and disorder might well spread throughout the entire Middle East. Should we fail to aid Greece and Turkey in this fateful hour, the effect will be far-reaching to the West as well as to the East.

The President did not specify how the 400 million dollars would be divided between Greece and Turkey but there have been reports that Greece would receive 250 million dollars.

Truman's Sneech Puts U. S. At Crossroads

WASHINGTON March 12, (U.P.A.): President Truman's appeal for aid to Greece and Turkey posed a fateful decision for members of the American Congress who said it placed the nation and Congress at the crossroads.

Member of Congress generally reacted cautiously to Hruman's historic speech but agreed it has far reaching implications. Their attitudes cut across party lines. Some members of Truman's own party among them Senator Pa MsCarran voiced blunt opposition to the nature of the help accordable. He said that "if we help Turkey and Greece it means eventual war."

Trivandrum Reception To Kripalani

TRIVANDRUM, March 12 (A.P.I.): Acharya J. B. Kripalani, the Congress President, accompanied by Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani arrived here by air at 12/10 p.m. A large crowd of people greeted him on arrival at the aerodrome. A large number of local Congressmen were present to welcome the Congress President.

Mr. Pattom Thanu Pillai, President of the State Congress, garlanded the Congress President while Mrs. Narayan Pillai wife of the Secretary of the State Congress garlanded Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani. The party immediately drove to Sasthamangalam, where they are staying during their sojourn in Trivandrum.

This afternoon Mr. Kripalani is visiting the Hindi Vidayalaya where he will be presented an address of welcome by the Hindi Prachar Samiti. Later, he will attend a party given by Mr. Pattom Thanu Pillai and threafter address a public meeting.

KRIPALANI MAY YET TOUR KARNATAK

BANGALORE, March 11, (A.P.I.): Mr. S. Nijalingappa, President of the Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee met Acharya Kripalani yesterday in Madras and requested him to visit Bangalore, Mysore and Karnataka if possible. According to telephonic advice received in Bangalore today Acharya Kripalani has agreed to tour Mysore and it is expected he will proceed to Mysore on 21st. It is also considered likely that the Congress President might fulfil his Karnataka tour programme, which was earlier cancelled. This programme at present is tentative.

NURIE'S ELECTION PETITION

BOMBAY, Wednesday.—The petition of Mr. M. Y. Nurie calling in question the election of Mr. S. A. Dange to the Bombay Legisiative Assembly will be inquired into by the Commissioners appointed by the Governor of Bombay on March 31 at the Industrial Court, according to a notification in the Gazette extraordinary.

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION

WASHINGTON, March 12, (Reuter): An International Civil Aviation Organisation will come into being in April 4, 1947, enough countries having ratified the Convention, it was announced by the United States State Department.

Central Govt. Must End Control Of Cloth

Supplies Minister On Way To Meet Shortage

BOMBAY ASSEMBLY VOTES DEMAND FOR "MISCELLANEOUS" GRANT

BOMBAY, WEDNESDAY.—THE GRANT FOR A SUM OF RS. 1,34,34,000 UNDER THE HEAD MISCELLANEOUS, ASKED FOR BY MR. DINKARRAO DESAI, MINISTER FOR LAW AND CIVIL SUPPLIES WAS PASSED BY THE BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TODAY, AFTER A DEBATE OF TWO DAYS.

In the course of the two days, nine cut motions were moved, out of which three were withdrawn and the rest were lost. Except for one cut moved on Tuesday, all the other motions related to various aspects of the working of the department of Civil Supplies, and the shortage of commodities like grain, cloth, 'gur' and kerosene.

When the House resumed the debate on the cut motion on the food policy Mr. S. L. Karandikar characterised some of the activities of the department as a "super-human" mystery. He was joined by Mr. S. M. Hassan, Mr. M. U. Rajab and Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin who ventilated various grievances about the supply of commodities in the districts. Only Mr. S. T. More opposed the cut motion.

FOOD & CLOTH SHORTAGE

Mr. Dinkarrao Desai, Minister for Civil Supplies replying to the debate said that in order to appreciate the food situation in the Province it should be borne in mind that not only the province but the whole of India was deficit in food grains. Before the war the country had to depend on imports from Burma and other areas. The net imports of food grains into the country during the pre-war years were as follows:

1937-38	..	11,65,000 tons
1938-39	..	12,63,000 tons
1939-40	..	21,38,000 tons
1940-41	..	19,70,000 tons

With the fall of Burma the imports in 1941-42 went down to 7,23,000 tons and in the year 42-43, it became minus 360 tons.

The consequences of the fall in imports were not felt at once; but with the difficulties of transport and increase in the urban population the position rapidly aggravated, and India had to depend more and more on imports from abroad.

So far as India was concerned, Mr. Desai said, she was not treated as she deserved. The country's needs were about 40 million tons a year. Last year some 20 to 22 millions had been received. All the balances in hand had been wiped out. In addition India had been paying very high prices. In order to keep internal prices at reasonable levels the Government of India had to spend Rs. 15 crores by way of subsidy. A total of a hundred million rupees was being drained away from India every year for her food imports. There was no question of gratitude to the foreign countries. But the shortages had to be made up somehow or other and there was no option but to accept what was given.

DROP IN PROCUREMENT

Turning to the position of the Bombay Province Mr. Desai said that this province had always to import considerable quantities of grain in order to feed the local population. The imports of this province during the past three years were as follows:—

1944-45	..	536,000 tons
1945-46	..	646,500 tons
1946-47	..	367,500 tons

During the last two years crops had failed in five districts of the province and the quantity of grain procured for distribution had also dropped. The figures for the last three years were as follows:

1944-45	..	630,000 tons
1945-46	..	433,000 tons
1946-47	..	425,000 tons

STOCK POSITION

The drop in procurement was due to late rains and the failure of the wheat crop. Thanks to these large deficits and the difficulty of securing the more popular grains the rationing system deteriorated and they had to fall back on barley, maize and other undesirable grains like American Milo. Particularly since last September it had become more difficult to obtain wheat from America, Canada, Australia and other countries and the stock position had deteriorated. The minister gave the following figures of the stock position:

	On Feb.1, 1945. tons	On Feb.1, 1946. tons	On Feb.1, 1947. tons
Rice	99,400	134,700	114,800
Wheat	73,400	53,200	29,200
Jowar	89,000	112,800	60,300 (Including American maize)
Bajri	40,000	15,000	6,500
Other cereals	4,000	5,900	52,700
Total	405,100	321,600	263,500

Under these conditions it was quite plain why wheat had to be cut from the ration and at certain rural areas it was altogether cancelled for some time.

NO WHEAT SUPPLIES FROM CENTRE

Mr. Desai then referred to the recent visit that the Prime Minisiter and he had paid to Delhi and said that it seemed very unlikely that the province would get any additional supplies of wheat for some time. Therefore people would have to carry on with such grains as they could get.

The Minister further said that the position of the provinces with regard to pulses was also bad. The normal annual requirements of pulses of the province was about 200,000 tons. The season had been bad for pulses. Kaira District for instance produced normally 14 lakhs of Bengal maunds. This year production down by half. Outside the province crops had failed in Punjab which was not likely to declare a surplus. This would affect the import into Bombay of jowar and tur dal. Some gram was expected from the Punjab; otherwise the position was precarious.

All the difficulties of distribution which many speakers had referred to arose mainly out of the poor stock position.

LEVY SYSTEM

Answering criticisms against the levy system Mr. Desai stated that it was really a very liberal system. He quoted various quotas fixed in the levy tables to show that the levy bore a very small proportion to the total estimated yield. The levy system became necessary because voluntary purchases were not upto the standard. Even so government could not get even half of the one lakh tons that the province needed. From his tour of the districts he could say that considerable quantities of grain were with the agriculturists who used it to feed their cattle. Considering the critical food situation, he thought that this was nothing less than criminal. But the situation could not be changed unless Government resorted to repressive measures of very great severity.

He admitted there was black marketing. It was a necessary concomitant of control. A certain amount of it was also inherent in the system of rationing based on a system of equal distribution to all. No man could be denied his quota whether he needed it or not. In the case of commodities like sugar and cloth, for instance, it was noticed that people made purchases even when they did not need it. This went into the black market. This type of dealing was very difficult to check unless the people cooperated in a whole hearted manner.

"VAGARIES" OF CONTROL

Dealing with alleged vagaries of control Mr. Desai explained that there was nothing like a vagary, but Government had to do certain things in view of the exigencies of the situation. In the matter of 'gur', for instance, he said that control was introduced last February when a difficult situation was anticipated. The control proved unpopular and was removed in response to public pressure. Later, however, the Government of India on whose co-operation the province had to depend for import of 'gur' insisted that no 'gur' would be available unless the Government agreed to a strict control. Therefore control had to be re-introduced. Government had now taken complete control of the acquisition as well as distribution of 'gur.'

The minister volunteered oil as a subject on which there was some ground for grievance, but explained how it was all due to the needs and demands of various producing centres. He also dealt with the difficulties connected with meat, fish, vegetables and detailed what Government had done in each case.

On the criticisms regarding the enforcement of the Growth of Food Crops Act, Mr. Desai said that it had undoubtedly increased the production of food stuffs. Fall in production was due to failure of crops and not to more extensive cultivation. At the same time Government was faced with a new problem. In the pre-war years Bombay used to produce 250,000 tons of cotton seed. This had dropped to 75,000 tons during the last two years and they were faced with the acute problem of shortage of cattle feed. Besides the cultivators complained that the lands were suffering due to want of rotation. Therefore a conference had been called which would meet in a few days. If as a result of the conference it was found that the Act had done no good it would be scrapped.

Despite the explanations of the Minister the motion was pressed to a division and was lost; only 17 voting for the cut and 78 against.

SUPPLY OF 'GUR'

Mr. Haji Noormohamed Ahmed moved a cut motion to discuss the policy of the Government regarding supply of gur to Bombay City and Suburbs. The motion was lost

CUT MOTION WITHDRAWN

Mr. A. H. Mirza withdrew his cut motion to discuss the food procurement policy of the Government and the levy system, following an assurance given by the Civil Supplies Minister that the Government were not taking any profit in the supply and distribution of food grains.

Mr. A. H. Mirza moved another cut motion to discuss the general cloth scarcity and prevalence of black marketing in cloth Mr. Mirza regretted that the people of Bombay Province, one of the main cloth producing centres, should go half-naked. He said that the present ration of 13 yards of cloth for the whole year was not sufficient for an adult. The cloth rationing arrangements left many loopholes in its working.

Mr. S. M. Hassan and Mr. S. L. Karandikar spoke in support of the motion.

Mr. Dinkarrao Desai opposing the cut motion said that the Central Government was responsible for the control and distribution of cloth throughout the country.

CLOTH CONTROL

Criticising the working of the cloth control, he said that he strongly felt that it was useless to continue this control and suggested that if the normal law of demand and supply was allowed to operate, the people would be able to get at least part of their requirements according to their tastes.

Mr. Desai said that the provincial allotments of cloth which were made by the Textile Commissioner fell far short of the needs resulting in maldistribution. He said that the Government had presented the demands of the province to the Textile Commissioner. He also disclosed that the Central Government had effected a cut of ten per cent from the original allocation to the province from the general distribution pool, consequent on the fall in production of cloth. This necessitated the reduction of cloth ration to 13 yards per head.

ASSOCIATION OF MILL MAGNATES

The question of price fixation, proceeded Mr. Desai, was decided by the Textile Board which he described as an association of mill magnates. He felt that so long as so much power was vested with this body, the present difficulties were bound to continue.

Referring to the prevalence of black marketing in cloth, Mr. Desai assured that every possible step would be taken by the Government to root out this evil. He said that the Government would be forced to cancel the licenses of cloth hawkers as it was reported they were selling cloth in black markets. He alleged that even the mills were a source of supply to these hawkers.

He strongly asserted that the Central Government should take courage in both hands and de-ration cloth altogether.

The House threw out the cut motion.

BOMBAY GOVT. ACTION AGAINST PRESS

Home Minister Says Advisory Committee Is Consulted Except In Emergent Cases

In the Bombay Legislative Assembly it was asked during question time if the Government was aware that the 'Dawn' of Delhi, the chief organ of the Muslim League had demanded the division of India and exhorted the Muslims to "direct action" and all other violent means for its attainment and whether in view of this, the Government would ban its circulation in the Bombay province and prosecute its Editor under appropriate sections.

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister replied that as the paper was published in Delhi, Government considered that "it is for the Chief Commissioner, Delhi, to take action against the paper if it published matter offending against the provisions of the law."

ACTION AGAINST PRESS

Mr. R. N. Mandlik (Kolaba cum Ratnagiri) asked if the Bombay Government consulted the Bombay Press Advisory Committee and sought its advice whenever any action against the press was contemplated and taken.

The Home Minister replied that the Government consulted the Committee whenever any action against newspapers was contemplated. But in emergent cases, the Government retained "its inherent right to take action without prior consultation." He added that in the case of two newspapers and two presses, orders were issued without consulting the Committee as Government considered that on account of the acute communal situation existing at the time, prompt action was necessary to prevent the publication in the press of matter likely to promote communal enmity and hatred." He added that the Committee was subsequently informed of the action taken.

"GROW MORE FOOD CAMPAIGN

In reply to a questoon by Mr. S. D. Patil (East Khandesh cum West Khandesh), Mr. M. M. Patil replied that the Government spent Rs. 6,93,000 on the "grow more food campaign" in 1943-44, Rs. 19.97.000 in 1944-45, Rs. 33,43,000 in 1945-46.

The Minister added that the increased tonnage of food production as a result of this campaign was 1,46,400 tons in 1943-44, 4,06,100 tons in 1944-45, and 4,60,400 tons in 1945-46.

UTILISATION OF REVENUE

Mr. P. P. Gokhale asked if out of the revenue receipts from each district, proportionate expenditure was made for providing amenities to the public and if not, the Government considered the advisability of utilising a portion of these receipts on promoting schemes for the amelioration of the people at least in the backward parts of the province to begin with.

Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, replied that it was not the policy of the Govt. to relate the expenditure incurred in a particular district to the revenue derived from that district and that Government "has been incurring and will continue to incur expenditure on promoting schemes for the amelioration of the people of the province, particularly those of the backward areas."

Prakasam Submits Resignation To Governor

Speaker Adjourns Madras Assembly To Saturday

MADRAS, March 12, (API): The Associated Press of India reliably understands that Mr. T. Prakasam, Premier, has telegraphically informed the Governor of Madras, who is now on tour in the Chittoor district of his intentions to resign forthwith.

Mr. Prakasam has also requested the Governor to adjourn the Budget Session of the Assembly which is scheduled to meet today to consider voting of demands, to a later date in view of the developments. The Governor's reply is expected to be received before the Assembly meeting today at 11 a. m.

The Governor will return to Madras from his tour tomorrow when it is expected Mr. Prakasam will submit his resignation.

The Congress Legislature Party, as already reported, will meet in the afternoon of March 21 to elect a new leader and proceed with the formation of a new Ministry. The present Ministry will continue until the new Ministry is formed.

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED

When the Assembly met this morning the Speaker Mr. Sivashanmugham Pillai read out a communication addressed to him by the Chief Secretary to the Government, which stated "His Excellency the Governor has in his individual judgment decided to postpone the dates for voting of grants to March 15."

After making the announcement, the Speaker adjourned the House till March 15.

When the leader of the Opposition Mr. Mohamed Ismail rose from his seat "to put certain questions," the Speaker said no question should be asked as the House was adjourning till Saturday forthwith.

CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIAN FAITH

Jesus Was Not Crucified But Went To Kashmir

LONDON, March 12 (Reuter): A challenge to the Christian Church to disprove the theories of the Ahmadiyya Community of Islam was made last night at a public meeting at the Putney Mosque by Imam Mustaq Ahmad Bajwa. "Jesus in fact came to India", said Bajwa, "and travelled by stages to Kashmir. He discovered the lost sheep of Israel among the people who professed Buddhist faith.

The Koran declared 14 centuries ago that Jesus was not crucified, and Hazrat Ahmad, founder of the Ahmadiyya Community, has given conclusive proof of this".

The Imam threw out a challenge to the Christian Community to debate this issue on public platform. Although there were a number of English clergymen in the audience, none accepted the challenge.

Press Relations Officer To New Viceroy

LONDON, March 12 (Reuter): Press Relations Officer to the Viceroy-Designate, Viscount Mountbatten, will be Wing Commander Alan Campbell Johnson, former Chairman of the Liberal Party Publicity Committee. The Liberal Party today announced his retirement from that office.

Wing-Commander Johnson will start for India by air on March 19 with the Viceroy-designate's Senior Military and Civil Advisers, Lord Ismay and Sir Eric Mieville.

Food Situation In Bombay Province

The Government stocks of foodgrains in the Province on February 15, 1947 were 2,44,000 tons. These included 33,000 tons of maize and barley. The stocks at the beginning of February last year were 3,21,000 tons and did not contain any appreciable amount of maize and barley.

Since November up to February 15, the Government has purchased 1,58,000 tons of cereals in the Province as compared to 1,88,000 tons during the corresponding period last year. As rabi grains are now being harvested, it is hoped that purchases during the next few months will show some improvement.

The arrivals of foodgrains into this Province from November 1 up to February 28 were as follows:

Rice	54,000
Wheat	31,000
Maize	5,000
Barley	14,000
Milo (overseas Jowar)	49,000
Others	5,000
Total	1,58,000

The present stocks of popular grains are equivalent to about 11 weeks' supply.

Though the wheat position continues to be unsatisfactory, the rice position has somewhat improved during recent months.

AMENDMENT TO BOMBAY FOODGRAINS ORDER

Under the Bombay Foodgrains (Stock Declaration) Order, 1946, only agriculturists in the non-rationed areas, as defined in the Order, were required to make declarations of stocks exceeding 25 maunds (each of 82-2/7 lbs.) of foodgrains mentioned in the Order in the prescribed form on March 8, May 22, and December 8 of each year. Now it has been ordered that all persons, whether agriculturists or not, who may be in possession of stocks of the foodgrains exceeding 25 maunds are required to make declarations of stocks on the dates mentioned above. The amended order is published in Part I of the Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary, dated March 12, 1947.

PROVINCIAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING

A joint conference of the Provincial Rural Development Board and the Provincial Food and Commodity Advisory Board is to be held at the Secretariat Building, Bombay, on March 29, to discuss the working of and amendments to the Bombay Growth of Food Crops Act, 944, and the Grow More Food Schemes formulated by the Government of Bombay.

The Provincial Rural Development Board, which will proceed with its own agenda after the joint meeting is over, will consider, among other subjects, the question of reorganisation of Taluka Development Associations and their place in the rural development activities.

The holding of the Provincial Agricultural Show—its venue and date—will also figure in the deliberations of the Board.

WHY NOT A SIKH PREMIER?

Master Tara Singh's Test For League Sincerity

LAHORE, March 12 (A.P.I.): "The Punjab is drifting towards a civil war", said Master Tara Singh, the veteran Akali leader in an interview to the Associated Press of India.

Master Tara Singh said: "I am not prepared to negotiate a settlement with the Muslim League, until the present disturbances cease. The Muslim League want to intimidate us, and we are not going to submit. They want to dictate terms under threats. They are the aggressors. It is therefore for them to issue an appeal to their followers to stop looting and arson. I see no need for a joint appeal for peace".

Asked what would be the position if the disturbances did not cease, the Akali leader said "then we must suffer".

Master Tara Sing said the Muslim League suggestions for Muslim League-Sikh understanding was an attempt to create cleavage among the Hindus and Sikhs. "We are not going to betray Hindus".

Asked his reaction on the suggestion for an all-parties Government in the Punjab, Master Tara Singh said: "We do not want a Government in which Muslims predominate. If the Muslims are sincere for an all-parties Government, why did they not join the Khizr Ministry. There has been a Muslim Premier in this province during the last ten years. Let the chance of premiership be given to the Sikhs now.

ASSAM LEAGUERS BOYCOTT LEGISLATURES

SHILLONG, March 12 (API).—The Assam Legislative Council sat today only for 45 minutes after which it adjourned for want of quorum. Only ten members were present.

The Muslim League Members were absent en-bloc in pursuance of the decision of the Muslim League Parliamentary Party.

The Assam Muslim League Parliamentary Party has decided to refrain from attending both the houses of the Provincial Legislatures 'sine die.'

The Committee of Action and the Working Committee of the Provincial Muslim League will meet in Shillong on March 14 and 16, respectively, to discuss the latest political developments in the province.

POWER TO CENTRAL INDIAN GOVT.

LONDON, March 12 (UPA): The British Government has no intention of transferring power to any authority but the Central Government of India, despite implications to the contrary in the Prime Minister Attlee's statement of February 20th, according to a prominent Labour leader intimate with Indian affairs in an interview with Harold Guard, United Press of America Staff Correspondent.

This sources conceded that such an assertion could be construed as a flat contradiction of the British policy as stated by Mr. Attlee which, he contended, was deliberately couched in "diplomatic double-edged terms".

"The gogueness of the Prime Minister's statement was astutely aimed at bringing the rival Indian factions together. The deliberate ambiguity of the statement was intentional for delicate political considerations, but it will be clarified as soon as the official views of both the Congress Party and the Muslim League are known", the Labour leader said.

French Relieve Nam-Dinh

HANOI, March 12 (Reuter).—Nam-Dinh, the third largest city in Tonking where a French garrison has been holding out since December against Viet Nam (Indo-Chinese Nationalist) forces, has been relieved, according to a French 'communique' issued here.

Relief operations have been in progress for several days and armoured columns, infantry and parachutists took part in the liberation.

TRAVANCORE TERMS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

TRIVANDRUM, March 12, (A.P.I.): The Government of Travancore have decided to give recognition and financial aid to Catholic primary schools in areas in which the Primary Education Act has been implemented, provided they are run as denominational schools and satisfy the educational requirements prescribed by the Education Department.

CONDITION OF THREE HUNGERSTRIKERS SERIOUS

SRINAGAR, March 12, (A.P.I.): The hunger strike by 56 detenus and prisoners in Srinagar Central Jail entered its eleventh day today. The condition of three hunger strikers is stated to be serious.

Some prisoners on hunger strike are understood to have received a number of telegrams from top-ranking Congress leaders advising them to give up the strike.

As a result of the hunger strike a number of false rumours were afloat in the city yesterday alleging the death of certain prisoners.

Following the spread of these rumours the city also observed partial hartal yesterday.

D. F. Karaka:

Off My Chest

The Postmaster-General, Bombay, (Mr. R. E. Shalom) writes to the Editor, "Bombay Chronicle":—

"Sir,

With reference to the request contained in the column "OFF MY CHEST" in the issue of your paper of the 5th instant for the communication of the result of the investigations conducted into the loss of books, magazines and periodicals, I write to inform you that the investigations are still in progress. Special precautionary measures have also been adopted to ensure that these articles are transmitted safely through the post and complaints received in this connection from the public are receiving my close attention. I hope that these losses will now be eliminated."

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A recent accident resulting in the death of a young Parsi makes me suggest to government that some alteration should be made in the rule which prevents hospitals and nursing homes from admitting a casualty unless accompanied by a policeman.

In the opinion of many people, it is felt that Government should seriously consider introducing some adequate legislation whereby this red tape should be cut in order to save human lives. I go so far as to say that it should be obligatory on any nursing home or hospital to admit immediately, without question, serious accident cases of this kind, where time is an essential factor in saving a man's life.

I am sorry to have to make other people's sorrow a matter for the press, but a very important principle is involved in this and human lives are at stake. There are, moreover, very many people who feel as I do and who will support me in this instance, namely that this is a matter on which Government must take immediate and drastic action.

We hope that the Home Member will give this matter the attention which it deserves or else it may be necessary to start public agitation on a bigger scale to make the voice of the people heard and the will of the people felt.

It is shocking that at present a medical institution has often to refuse medical help to a dying man.

(Yesterday's column was held over till today as I felt I should omit certain names mentioned in it)

MOB CLASHES WITH POLICE IN HYDERABAD

One Killed In Demonstration Against Cut In Grain Quota

HYDERABAD, (Deccan) March 11 (A.P.I.): One person was killed by police firing and two police constables and a police officer were injured in a disturbance in Mahboobnagar District recently.

A press note giving details of the disturbance says that owing to the reduction in the grain quota of Mahboobnagar District certain talukas were affected and the public staged a demonstration.

Reports of unrest among the public having been received the Deputy Director General of Police accompanied by other officers proceeded to Jadcherla to ascertain the food situation. On arrival they found two lorries carrying rice bags from Badepalli mills stopped by a crowd of 400 persons. They tried to persuade the crowd to disperse and instructed the drivers of the lorries to proceed to Mahboobnagar. But the crowd tried to block their way.

The crowd offered resistance when the police officers attempted to prevent the crowd from besieging the lorry, resulting in two constables and the Assistant Superintendent of Police receiving lathi blows. "Next the crowd rushed towards the District Superintendent of Police who fired in self defence. This held back the crowd and a person named Mohd. Jehangir fell on the ground. On the arrival of a detachment of reserve police the mob melted away", the press note adds.

3 Killed In Osmaniabad Rioting

HYDERABAD, March 12 (API).—Three persons were killed and several others injured in communal rioting in Osmaniabad District, according to a Press Note issued by the Nizam's Government.

Municipal Congress Party Office-Bearers

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Mr. S. K. Patil was elected leader of the Bombay Municipal Congress Party at a general meeting of the Party held today.

The meeting also elected the following office bearers: Mr. B. M. Maheshwari, Deputy Leader, Mr. B. A. Dalal, General Secretary, Mr. P. M. Chinoy, Treasurer, Mr. E. R. Pulia, Deputy Secretary, Mr. R. K. Achrekar, Chief Whip, Mr. M. C. Pupala Deputy Whip. The members of the Managing Committee are: Prof. D. R. Gharpure, Mr. Motichand Kapadia, Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel, Mr. Nathalal Parekh, Mr. Y. K. Khadilkar, Mr. Sunderdas Morarjee, Mr. Saiebhoy Abdul Kader and Mr. K. A. Subramanian.

Srinagar Jail Hunger Strike Called Off

SRINAGAR, March 12 (A.P.I.): The 12-day old hunger strike by political prisoners in Srinagar Central Jail was called off last night and all of them are being given fruit juice and milk on medical advice.

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BRITAIN'S LAST GIFT TO INDIA

Madras Governor Says Disturbances Should Not Surprise Us

CHITOOR, March 12 (API): Transfer of power to India that would be complete in a few short months would be "the last gift", which it was in the power of Britain to give to India, declared H. E. Sir Archibald Nye, Governor of Madras, replying to a civic address presented to him here last evening.

This transfer of power will give to India material freedom, freedom from any form of control by any external authority. It is the last gift—and I would add the greatest gift—which it is in the power of Britain to make to India".

NO SURPRISE

Referring to disturbances in some parts of India, the Governor said "anyone who studies history at all must know that any great movement and any great change in the constitution of a country has always been attended with disturbances The fact that the times through which we are passing are disturbed should not surprise us".

"Difficulties "he emphasised "exist not to be deplored but to be overcome".

BATTLE OF BONUS BEFORE INDUSTRIAL COURT

Textile Workers' Representative On "Unjust" Conditions Laid Down By Millowners

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. K. T. Sule on behalf of textile workers represented by the Girni Kamgar Union, in the dispute between employees and millowners regarding bonus, standardization of wages and other matters, further argued the issue of 3 months bonus for the year 1946 before the Industrial Court today.

Mr. Sule said that millowners made profits 17 times more than what they made in 1939. The shareholders got 4 times more than what they used to get in the pre-war days and similarly the agents also made good profit but the workers were given very little out of it. When the industry had made such a large profit, the workers must get 3 months bonus. He further said that there should not be any condition attached to the payment of bonus.

The conditions laid down by the millowners for paying bonus were unjust. For instance, he said, if a worker worked for the whole year and he was dismissed on the day of payment of bonus, he was deprived of his right to bonus. Last year there were communal riots. Many workers had to change their mills. These workers are not entitled to bonus according to the conditions laid down by the Millowners. These conditions, Mr. Sule argued, must go and the bonus should be paid according to the work done.

GOVT. LABOUR OFFICER SUPPORTS DEMAND FOR BONUS

Mr. N. H. Meherban, Labour Officer, Government of Bombay, who addressed the court in the morning pointed out the sacrifices which the workers had to undergo owing to inadequate dearness allowance paid to them during the past years and supported the demand for bonus made by the workers. He also submitted that the conditions laid down by the employers for the payment of bonus be removed and a worker should get bonus for the period he worked.

"BONUS AS A GIFT"

Sir Jamshedji Kanga on behalf of the Bombay Millowners Association argued that bonus was paid as a gift or ex gratia' payment and workers could not claim it as a right. There was no implied contract as was made out by the other party.

The industry had suffered to a great extent before the war and it was, therefore, not proper when some improvement had taken place in the industry, to say that the mill agents and the shareholders had made enormous profits

The hours of work, he submitted, had come down from 9 to 8. Amenities like sickness insurance, social and other schemes were shortly going to be introduced and it would mean a further burden on the industry. The scheme of holiday with pay had already come into force.

Sir Jamshedji further argued that the efficiency of the Indian worker as compared with the European countries was less and, therefore, the industry was not progressing.

He also submitted that the profit for the year 1946 was very much less than the previous years and the condition of the industry was showing a downward trend.

Sir Jamshedji had not finished his argument and will continue tomorrow.

PRESS REPORT CRITICISED

Earlier strong exception was taken by Sir Jamshedji to a statement attributed to the Labour Minister, Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, that "the Industrial Court was an instrument for the fulfilment of Government's policy with regard to labour matters and its function was not confined to interpret the law and administer the law it interpreted."

The statement had appeared in a section of the press today in connection with Mr. Nanda's speech at the Bombay Legislative Assembly yesterday.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga, said that the statement, if true, was a reflection on the honour of the Court and he wondered why he should appear in such a Court, which was stated to be "a Government's creature."

Counsel for the textile workers said the press reports did not mean to say that the Industrial Court was "a Government's creature". Mr. S. A. Dange said that he had himself moved the cut motion in the Assembly yesterday and was of the opinion that the Minister did not want to convey that the court was a "creature" of Government.

Sir Harsidhbhai Divatia, President of the Court, observed that the Court could not express any opinion till it was ascertained from official sources whether the reports were correct. If they are not correct, it is definitely for Government to contradict them."

Sir Harsidhbhai added that the matter had come up at a very bad time, because whatever they did would be misinterpreted.

Calcutta Riot Enquiry Adjourned

President Asks All Parties To Study Situation Anew

CALCUTTA, March 12 (A.P.I.): The Calcutta Disturbances Enquiry Commission, presided over by Sir Patrick Spens, has adjourned till April 21.

Before adjourning the sittings, the President said that the Commission had now sat for a great number of days consecutively and had got a general view of the way some of the evidence was going.

He felt that the conditions were very different now than at the time the Commission was appointed as many important and historic events had taken place in the meantime. It was obvious that there would be a great many more weeks of the commission to continue it. It went on to the bitter end.

He thought the parties counsels might consult with their respective clients and find out whether they were still of the same view as they were when the Commission was appointed. The President added:

"Of course, I do not want it to be assumed that there is any reluctance on our part. We will sit as long as the parties desire and go into every bit of evidence they want to produce, but it is, I considered, time for the parties to reconsider the whole position in view of the many important events that are taking place in the country from month to month."

Disturbances in Calcutta during the current financial year cost at least Rs. 1,12,10,000. The Bengal Government's demand for a supplementary grant of this amount for Calcutta riot expenditure came up before the Bengal Legislative Assembly yesterday, and was voted. The House also voted 47,00,000 for expenditure in connection with riots at other centres and Rs. 51,00,000 for expenditure on Bihar refugees.

Surat Municipal Staff On Strike

SURAT, March 11, (A.P.I.). About 450 members of the clerical and lower grade staff of the Surat Borough Municipality, the municipal Fire Brigade, and Water Works men went on strike this morning demanding the recognition by the Municipality of the Municipal Staff Union and a bonus equal to that being paid to the servants of the Bombay Government.

The President of the Surat Municipality, Dr. Ghia, in an interview said that unless the Government of Bombay increased financial grants regarding Dearness Allowances to the Staff the Municipalities, especially the bigger ones, could not afford to provide any further amenities to their staff. He pointed out that the Bombay Government had not made it obligatory on local bodies to pay bonus to their staff

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CARTRIDGES IN FRUIT BASKET

Despatched From Crawford Market: Title Holder Arrested

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 11: The C. I. D. police have seized a large stock of revolvers cartridges packed in a basket of fruits at Cambay. It is stated that this was sent from Bombay Crawford Market. One prominent title-holder, while taking delivery, was arrested.

TRYGVE LIE FACES U. N. O. WORKERS

Staff's Battle For Higher Wages

NEW YORK, March 12 (APA): The United Nations Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, told a mass meeting of nearly 2,000 United Nations workers that he could not meet their demand for immediate pay increases because of the reduced budget.

Lie addressed the workers after they had protested against "inadequate salaries" and an administration decision to stop the seven dollars daily allowance to non-New Yorkers.

Declaring he had fought alone in vain to prevent the budget slashes, Lie appealed for an end to "corridor rumours about the Secretary-General". "He is not a tyrant", he shouted. "If you attack me, you will never succeed".

M. P.S' MID-EAST TOUR POSTPONED

LONDON, March 12 (Reuter): A tour of the Middle East, including a visit to Palestine by a group of Labour Members of Parliament has been officially postponed.

"The Colonial Office has written to say that the situation in Palestine is serious from the security point of view and that the visit will be inadvisable" Miss R. Hinden, a member of the group and Secretary of the Fabian Colonial Bureau, said.

In addition to Miss Hinden, the party was to have consisted of Mr. H. Hynd, Mr. Jan Mikardo, Lord Farringdon and Mr. D. Herley, International Secretary of the Labour Party.

AZAD TO OPEN INTER ASIA ART EXHIBITION

NEW DELHI, March 11, (API): The Inter Asia Art Exhibition which is being organised by the All India Fine Arts and Crafts Society, in co-operation with the Indian Council of World Affairs will be opened by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Member. Interim Government. at 3 p.m. on March 24.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will interpret Maulana Azad's speech to the audience.

Elders Pass Industrial Disputes Bill

NEW DELHI, March 12 (API): The Council of State today adopted the Bill to make provision for the investigation and settlement of industrial disputes, and for certain other purposes, as passed by the Legislative Assembly.

NO HURRIED MEASURE

Mr. S. Lall, Secretary Labour Department, who moved the Bill, explained that this was no hurried piece of legislation and that Provincial Governments, organisations of employees and labour had been consulted. It was not possible in a contentious measure like this to have unanimity but Government had tried their best to meet various view points and secured maximum co-operation. Mr. Lall said that at the present moment, when an increase in production was of utmost importance, it was necessary that everything possible should be done to prevent industrial disputes and he hoped, with the co-operation of all concerned, this Bill would bring about a substantial dimunition of industrial unrest.

Pandit Kunzru agreed that the present Bill was an improvement of the 1929 Act but some of the powers which Government had taken were not quite necessary and needed to be amended.

Sir N. Gopalswamy Ayenger welcomed the legislation but was surprised at the plethora of agencies which this measure had created, such as, the Works Committee, Conciliation Board, Court of Enquiry, Industrial Tribunal and so on. He did not think this multiplicity of agencies was desirable.

Mr. Thirumala Row supporting the Bill pointed out that the time had come when equal importance and privileges should be accorded to labour as was being done to capital.

Syed Mohd. Padsha also welcomed the Bill.

KUNZRU'S AMENDMENTS NEGATIVED

The House negatived a number of amendments which Pandit Kunzru moved to the various provisions of the Bill. These amendments were on the lines of amendments discussed in the Lower House and among other things, sought to restrict the scope of the Bill to such of those industrial concerns which were owned, managed or controlled by the Central or a Provincial Government, or a Municipality, or a District Board or any other statutory local authority.

The Bill was passed and the House adjourned till March 17.

Truman To Take Four Days' Rest In Florida

WASHINGTON, March 12 (Reuter) The U. S. President, Mr. Harry Truman, will fly to Key West, Florida, for four days' rest on instructions of his doctor, after addressing Congress this afternoon, it was officially announced.

Well-Known Gujarati Writer Dead

(From Our Correspondent).

BHAWNAGAR, March 12.—Mr. Zaverchand Meghani, well-known Gujarati poet, novelist, critic and a great exponent of Lok-Sahitya expired by heart-failure in the early hours of Monday morning at Botad, about 55 miles from Bhawnagar. He was the author of about 75 books, covering almost every branch of literature. He was the President of the Literary Branch of Gujarati Sahitya Sabha.

HESS STANDS TRIAL

Charged With Mass Murder In Nazi Horror Camp

WARSAW, March 11, (Reuter): Accused of the biggest single crime ever charged against one man—murder of "between 2,000,000 and 4,000,000 persons"—Rudolf Hess A 47-year old Colonel Commandant of the Auschwitz horror camp in Poland, sat impassively in the dock when his trial opened today.

Delegates from most European countries were present when the trial opened before the Polish National Tribunal.

Auschwitz was the biggest of all German concentration camps.

Mr. Josef Cyrankiewicz, the Polish Premier, who spent four years in the camp, is expected to give evidence and invitations have been sent to most European countries asking that delegations of former Auschwitz prisoners should be sent to give evidence.

225 TEMPLES OPEN TO HARIJANS

POONA, March 12, (A.P.I.): Two hundred and twenty-five temples in Maharashtra have been thrown open to Harijans so far through the efforts of Mr. P. S. Sane, Congress Socialist leader, who two months back started on his Maharashtra-wide "temple entry" campaign organised by the Harijan Temple Entry Association of Poona He was accompanied by the veteran Maharashtra leader, Senapati P. M. Bapat.

The Temple Entry Association, at a meeting held in Poona and which was attended by Mr. G. D. Tapase, Minister of the Bombay Government, has appointed two committees to approach the trustees of the Parvati temple in Poona and the Alandi temple to throw open these temples to Harijans.

NEW WORKING COMMITTEE OF HYDERABAD STATE CONGRESS.

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 11, (A. P. I.): Swami Ramananda Tirtha. President of the Hyderabad State Congress. has formed a new Working Committee of 16 members following dissolution of the old Working Committee as a result of differences between the members.

NEW HONOUR FOR LORD MOUNTBATTEN

LONDON, March 11 (Reuter): The Duke of Gloucester received Rear-Admiral Lord Mountbatten, Viceroy-Designate of India, this afternoon and invested him with the insignia of Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Star of India and Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire by command of the King.

Lady Mountbatten, who accompanied her husband, was invested with the insignia of Lady of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India.

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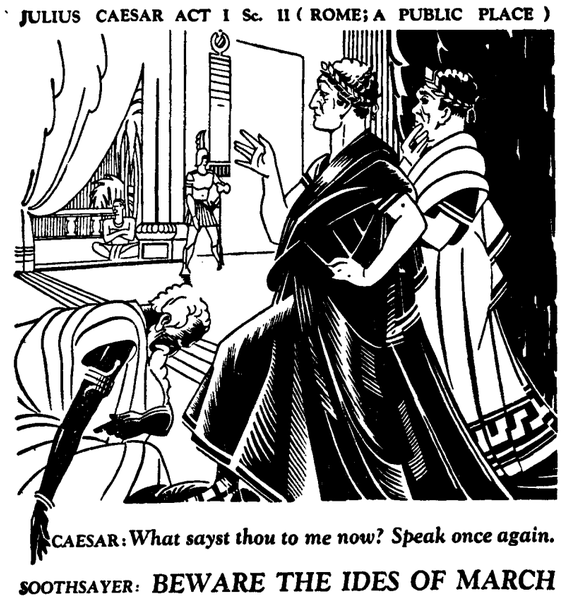

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GENERAL LIQUIDATION IN BULLION MARKET

COTTON PRICES DECLINE AFTER EARLY FIRMNESS

BOMBAY, March 12.

The Bombay Stock Exchange remained officially closed to-day. Nominally Tata Steel Dfds. and Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 2,260.

There is more disposition to await the decision of the Select Committee on proposed Taxes. In the meantime the market opinion remains divided. Some traders look for technical recovery, of a temporary nature after the heavy drop.

List of shares delivered through the clearing house is as under:—

Dyeing 388 Gokak 695 Kohinoor 745 Nagpur 422 New Great 265 Finlay 480 Simplex 1955 Swadeshi 678 Swan 130 E. D. Defd. 31,400 E. D. Ord. 33,500 Indore 314 Meyer 375 Indian Iron 18,400 A. C. C. 6,665 Belapur 2,415 Tram 2,645 Burma Old 507 Indian Bleaching 115 Premier Construction 1,525 Scindia 42,325 Tata Chemical 6,800 Tata Oil 525 Tata Steel Defd. 2,861 Ordinary 10,040 Second Pref. 1,035 Bengal Steel 25,600 Tata Mill 480 Baroda Bank 380 Cetral Bank 4225 Habib 205 India Bank 910 Imperial Old 105 P. P. 295 Reserve 660 Union 5,480 And. Electricity 390 Andhra Ord. 13 Tata Hydro 405 Tata Power 115 Jupiter 475 New India 1,335 and Wimco 505

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, March 12.

The Government of India has fixed export quota of 110 lakh tons of Groundnuts and 76,000 tons of Groundnuts oil. This will make a total of about three lakhs tons of Groundnuts. Such a large export is bound to have effect on local conditions as there exists shortage of oil in this country.

Groundnuts were steady and about 5,000 to 7,000 bags were offered of Khandesh at Rs. 170 on Bazar terms. Khandesh ready Rs. 33/4 Coromandal Rs. 32/8 and Bold Rs. 32/12.

Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 125/4 and after declining at Rs. 124/8 advanced at Rs. 125/10 and steadied at Rs. 125/6.

Linseed was quoted at Rs. 26/8 for April-May delivery.

Groundnut oil ready Rs. 21/4. March Rs. 20 and April Rs. 19. Linseed oil Rs. 20/12.

CHICAGO WHEAT.
CHICAGO, March 11.

March 2.72-1/2 to 2.72-1/2.
May 2.57-1/2 to 2.58-1/2.
July 2.33-3/4 to 2.34-1/2.
September 2.25-1/2 to 2.26.

LONDON WHEAT.
London, March 11.

Australian Wheat (bulk) F. O. B. 93/3 March-April quoted.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, March 12

The Bullion market opened quiet and declined during the early part on moderate selling but later firmed up on active speculative buying. The fixing up of maximum prices have had desired effect and outstanding contracts of Fagan delivery are being evened up either by liquidation or transfer to Vaishakh settlement.

The Silver market opened at Rs. 154/8 for Vaishakh delivery and declined at Rs. 153/8 on moderate selling but later advanced at Rs. 155/8 on active speculative buying. Ready silver was quoted at Rs. 165/8. Vaishakh Gold opened at Rs. 101/8 and after declining at Rs. 101 advanced at Rs. 102. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 106 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 69.

Later on there was increased selling and final quotations were as under:—

Ready Silver	164	12	0
Vaishakh Delivery	153	8	0
Ready Gold	104	0	0
Vaishakh Delivery	99	12	0

NEW YORK SILVER QUOTED AT 78 CENTS.

NEW YORK, March 11. (U. P. A.): The price of silver was today quoted at 78 cents per ounce on the New York market, marking a decline of 8-3/4 cents from the previous day's level of 83-3/4 cents per ounce.

One dealer said that the current strong demand from American silverware manufacturers is likely to temper the price decline despite heavy foreign offers of silver

LONDON DOMESTIC SILVER PRICE DOWN 4-3/4 PENCE.

LONDON, March 11. (U. P. A.): The domestic price of silver was today marked down by 4-3/4 pence with spot quoted at 47-1/4 and forward at 46-3/4 pence per ounce.

The steamer "Castalia" hopes to sail from Birkenhead on 14th of March

Bullion circles estimate that the vessel will carry 2,000 bars of silver.

NEW YORK SILVER.
New York, March 11.

U. S. price of Foreign Silver 78 cents

LONDON BULLION.
London, March 11.

Silver Spot 47-1/4 d., Forward 46-3/4 d. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/12/3.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, March 12

The local Cotton market opened steady and improved under scattered buying. At the rise there was absence of follow-up and the market quietened around opening level with restricted business. May delivery opened at Rs. 447/8 and advanced at Rs. 448 but reached at Rs. 447/8. There is more disposition to buy on declines than to sell on upswings.

Later on there was further selling and May was quoted at Rs. 447. The market was quiet.

Later on the market was quiet and closed at about the lowest level of the day at 4-30 p. m. as under.

I.C.C March	432	2	0
I.C.C. May	446	2	0
I.C.C. July	459	10	0
I.C.C. Sept.	469	6	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton May Contract is 1702 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 11th March. Total amount offered was Rs. 1,85,25,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-14-3 were accepted in full. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. 1,45,25,000 the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-7-0 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 18th March upto 11 a.m. at Bombay and upto the close of business on Monday, the 17th March at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 21st March or Thursday the 20th March where Friday is a holiday.

During the week ended the 6th March Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 10,87,75,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, March 11.

Early small widespread declines followed by a quiet selective rally—principally technical — under the leadership of assorted steels, utilities, motors, textiles, aviations, rails, minings, rubbers and specialities left the market with mixed changes up to one point. Traders are worried over the foreign situation and the threat of domestic repercussions resulting from indications that leading commodities have not yet reached the peak. The averages were 174.86 48.87. A few resistant spots persisted, notably specialities, but the earlier rally failed to hold among leaders and new low levels for the day were reached in moderate dealings, predominantly professional. In late dealings, losses up to one point or more were registered. Brokers say that sentiment at present is between caution and bearishness. The uncertainty over the International situation and its bearing on the United States — in face of day to day progress in domestic industry are keeping numerous investors from supporting the market. Selective support for a few steels, utilities, minings, oils and containers enabled them to reduce or eliminate losses, but elsewhere the market finished easy at or around the day's lowest levels.

American Telephone & Telegraph 167-1/4, Amerex Holding Co., 30, Anaconda Copper Mining 39, Chase National Bank 37, Sinclair Oil 15-3/8, Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co. 55-5/8, General Electric Co. 36, General Motors 57-7/8, Ingersol Rand 116-1/2, International Nickel 31-1/8, National City Bank of New York 40-3/4, New York Central Rail Road Co., 18-1/8, Socony Vacuum Corporation 14-1/8, Texas Corporation 46-1/4, Union Carbon & Carbide 97-1/2, U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co. 48, U. S. Steel Corporation Common 71-3/8, Western Union Telegraph 19.

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, March 11.

March	35.55—34
May	34.37—34
May highest	34.65+04
May lowest	34.06—56
July	32.23—40
October	29.63—27
December	28.78—34
January	28.63—34
Middling Spot	35.60—28

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

March	35.20—28
May	34.14—15
July	32.17—42
October	29.47—37
December	28.66—54
Middling Spot	34.75—30

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
London, March 11.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 pc	94-7/8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 pc 1961	110-7/8
War Loan 3-1/2 pc 1952 and after	106-7/8
Funding Loan 4 pc 1960/90	118-7/8
Victory Bonds 4 pc	119-1/2
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	11-13/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	102-1/2
National Bank of India	35-1/2

NEW YORK PEPPER MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 11, (U.P.A.): The New York pepper market remained at a stalemate today with grinders showing little interest in new purchases and shippers mantaining a firm price basis due to the uncertainty of arrivals from primary markets. A small increase in warehouse stocks in February was 991 bags compared with January's 395—attracted market comment. However, supplies at the end of January 1942 aggregated 586,081 bags and the record was 673,527 bags at the end of April 1939.

Closing prices included:

March	55.00 asked
May	52.00 nom.
July	49.00 asked
September	37.50 bid
October	37.00 bid
Dec./January	36.50 bid

CHICAGO WHEAT ACTIVE AND SPECULATIVELY EXCITED

CHICAGO, March 11, (U.P.A.): Active trading featured today's session of the Chicago Commodity Exchange and the market was speculatively excited. Prices dropped over 11 cents after March reached a 30-year high at dol. 2.81 per bushel, The increased in commission house margin requirements and a temporarily overbrought market overshadowed European food needs.

CONSUMPTION OF INDIAN COTTON

Indian Central Cotton Committee has issued the following:—

Statement of Indian cotton (pressed and unpressed) consumed in mills in India during the month of December.

(In bales of 400 lbs. net.)

CONSUMPTION

British India during December 1946 219,536 during December 1945 303,897 since 1st September 1946 847,406 during the corresponding period last year 1,210,031.

Indian States during December 1946 46,960 during December 1945 59,636 since 1st September 1946 192,777 during the corresponding period last year 240,021.

Total India during December 1946 266,496 during December 1945 363,533 since 1st September 1946 1,040,183 during the corresponding period last year 1,450,052.

Mill Liquidation On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

Traders Await Truman's Address

NEW YORK, March 11 (UPA)

Spasmodically active trading featured today's session of the New York Cotton Exchange. The session opened three lower to nine higher. Prices trended off until near the close, establishing maximum losses of 47 to 57 points. Prices, however, rallied feebly laterly finishing a net 27 to 40 lower. Speculative interest shifted to the fast-moving wheat market. President Truman's address to the joint Congressional session on the 12th afforded a restraining influence. The jittery feeling over the international political and economic situation increased and it was hoped that the Washington developments on March 12th would give the necessary clarification. Trade, mills and shippers bought at the down-turns against textile orders and export sales to France, but the demand from that quarter was noticeably less aggressive.

MILL LIQUIDATION

While the attitude was not general, it was said that some mills were sceptical regarding the effect of further advances on retail textile sales and were inclined to liquidate some spot holdings with hopes of replacement later on a lower basis. The idea was encouraged possibly by the belief that farmers were withholding full information regarding their planting intentions and that the crop next year may be much larger than at present indicated.

Eighteen delivery notices in March to-day brought liquidation before the tenders were stopped, but the spot month held its full premium over May on the declines. The open interest in March at the start of trading to-day was 60,000 bales. The position was off the board on Friday at noon.

EXPORT OUTLOOK

The export situation is mixed, but authoritative quarters insist that overseas shipments this season will approximate 3,500,000 bales. They said that China and Italy had requested postponement of the scheduled shipments because of foreign exchange deficiencies. But they contended that any losses in that direction will be offset by the million bale commitment for Germany and Japan under the U.N.R.R.A. and other Government programmes. Moreover, it was privately reported that India was inquiring for American textiles of cheaper construction. This is expected to bolster the domestic consumption, it being pointed out that before the war India filled her needs for such goods from Japan. It was also reported here that South Africa and Malaya intend importing Japanese textiles because of their inability to obtain supplies from Britain. It was said that Malayan arrangements will be on a basis to exchange Japanese textiles for 2,000 tons of rubber per month.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Congressional proposals to extend the Government price support programme to basic commodities were overshadowed by outside influences. Senator James O. Eastland introduced a bill which is now referred to the Senate Agriculture Committee proposing support for cotton at 92 1/2 per cent of the parity to January 1, 1950. The bill has an alternative method of payment providing for the support price to be 90 per cent of the parity for basic commodities or 100 per cent of the average parity price for the twelve months immediately preceding the beginning of the marketing year whichever is greater.

NEW CROP POSITION

Messrs. McFadden and Brothers, well-known cotton merchants, in a survey of the new crop preparations said that the shortage of fertilizers, particularly nitrates, was the chief factor in restricting the possible increase of plantings. The increase was at present indicated at around ten to fifteen per cent, but the firm pointed out that the acreage was dependent on weather conditions, planting time, the supply of farm labour and machinery as well as fertiliser.

Traders expressed the opinion that the current reaction was overdue technically and that keen observers are still recommending the utilization of downturns for new purchases.

INDIAN SILVER IMPORT BAN

Knocks Bottom Out From Under World Prices Of Silver

LONDON, March 11 (UPA).

The action of Indian authorities in banning private imports of gold and silver, confirmed by yesterday's laconic announcement, knocks the bottom out from under the world prices of silver, in the opinion of bullion circles.

Silver originating in Russia, Spain and China will no longer have Bombay for its ultimate destination, at least for the time being, and the converging of that silver upon London and New York where the demand is limited, could only depress prices.

Among several questions much discussed in London are:

(1) Will the Indian Government honour the import licenses of silver which it has already issued? The general assumption is that it will, but in that case it would have been a most natural thing for the Exchange Controller of the Reserve Bank to have said so in his brief announcement. The fact that he refrained from saying so has rather disconcerted bullion quarters.

(2) Is this ban more or less permanent or will the Indian authorities in a few days prepare and announce a scheme for limiting and rationing private imports of silver? On the whole, there seems to be considerable opinion here that the Indian Government will adopt the latter device.

There was no surprise that the Bombay bullion market postponed the date of settlement in view of the delayed sailing of the "Perim" with its unusually heavy cargo of silver: it was recalled that a similar postponement had occurred before.

The ban on private imports of silver, it is considered, will revive the smuggling of silver into India which, it was recalled, was a big nuisance for Indian authorities between 1920 and 1921.

SUBSTANTIAL SILVER OFFERINGS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 11, (U.P.A.): Delears said that today's demand in the New York silver market was in the customary range of 200,000 to 400,000 ounces, but offerings were substantially in excess and the lowering London market appeared to have some effect in today's slump.

These quarters said that the offerings appeared to include substantial quantities of Mexican and other supplies which had been held back recently. Traders anticipate continued substantial demand from silverware makers, hence they say prices in the next few days should be determined by the extent of these offerings

Today's offerings were as low as 78-1/4, the lowest since February 27th and further reflected the Indian embargo.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 7th day of March.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

Notes held in the Banking Department Rs. 14,30,35,000, Notes in circulation Rs. 1242,86,63,000, Total Notes issued Rs. 1257,16,98,000, Total Liabilities Rs. 1257,16,98,000.

ASSETS

A Gold Coin and Bullion:—(a) Held in India Rs. 44,41,45,000, Sterling Securities Rs. 1135,32,89,000, Total of A Rs. 1179,74,34,000; B Rupee Coin Rs. 19,56,50,000, Government of India Rupee Securities Rs. 57,84,14,000. Total Assets Rs. 1257,16,98,000.

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 93.841 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

Capital paid up Rs. 5,00,00,000, Reserve Fund Rs. 5,00,00,000.

Deposits:—

(a) Government (1) Central Government of India Rs. 402,14,21,000. (2) Government of Burma Rs. 25,91,000, (3) Other Government Accounts Rs. 41,78,66,000, (b) Banks Rs. 74,84,83,000, (c) Others Rs. 26,88,40,000. Bills Payable Rs. 4,98,07,000, Other Liabilities Rs. 17,76,58,000, Rupees 580,66,66,000.

ASSETS

Notes Rs. 14,30,35,000, Rupee Coin Rs. 9,65,000, Subsidiary Coin Rs. 1,92,000, Bills Purchased and Discounted (c) Government Treasury Bills Rs. 2,19,78,000, Balances held abroad at Rs. 477,87,51,000, Other Loans and Advances Rs. 7,50,000, Investments Rs. 52,88,93,000, Other Assets Rs. 33,21,02,000, Rupees 580,66,66,000.

CALICUT MARKET

CALICUT, March 12.

Coiryarn Beypore 185/195, Quilandy 200/210, Fibre Garbled 170, Ungarbled 160, Cocoanuts Row 116, dry 120, Cocoanut Oil 430, Copra Office 280, Dilpasand 200, Madrasnottam 320, Pepper Wynaad 515, Country 510, Dryginger Chernad 270, Ernad 265, Coffee Robusta 90, Timber Pali 60, Junglewood 35, Vellapine 52/8, Benteak 47/8, Teak 120, Mango 4/4, Teak 18, Rosewood 18.

WEATHER NEWS FOR FARMERS

Forecast till Friday morning:—Dry weather.

Outlook for further 2 days:—Little change.

WORTH STREET ACTIVE

NEW YORK, March 11, (U.P.A.): Sales of printcloth and yarn constructions for export into the early part of 1948 and reports that some integrated mills planned to sell their fourth quarter production in gray goods dominated today's session of the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market. Integrateds having estimated their weekly production capacity at over 5,000,000, yards are reported to be planning to sell their goods, still unfinished, due to the insistent demand for the goods and at the same time avoid the risk of increased finishing costs.

HAPUR MARKET REVIEW

HAPUR, March 8.

Wheat and grain prices are held steady. In other sections particularly coarse grains, a decline in prices is noticeable. The U. P. Government it is revealed hold substantial stocks of coarse food grains; stock of wheat and gram is extremely small. While the U. P. Government were recently obliged to reduce the wheat ration to ½ and 2½ chattaks, there was no deduction in the total ration of 6 chattaks.

The Rabi crop outlook is reported to be very satisfactory and it is believed that the cut in he wheat ration would be restored as soon as procurement of wheat have begun in coming May.

The following are the current rates: wheat 16/8 gram 13/4 barley 9,8 bejhar 9/6 maize 8/12 bajra 8/14 and peas 10/8. In deficit areas of the U. P. (some eastern districts and in the hilly divison of Kumaun) prices are appreciably higher.

The U. P. Government are receiving heavy quantities of imported barley and maize. Stock of barley at Hapur has now increased to about 725 khatties.

Arhar prices have fallen in view of excellent new crop outlook. Market prices for other pulses are almost stationary. Current prices are: Arhar 12/4 moong 14/9 and urd 17/8.

GUR & SHAKKAR

Market has eased considerably due to very poor despatches during the week. Daily arrivals averaged 900 mds. Local stock is put at about 1 lakh maunds. Exports this season totalled 50,000 mds. Current prices are: gur 12/8/ shakkar 13/8 Khandsari prices are still well above the control levels. Although the overall position in regard to Khandsari supplies in the provinces is put as quite satisfactory, local shortages are seen in deficit areas. Khandsari prices here range between 36/- and 30/- per maund.

OIL & OILSEEDS

After a great deal of hesitation, the Central Government has been obliged to withdraw price control from over edible oils and oilseeds. The U. P. had, it would be recalled, pleaded for stricter control over prices than hitherto but many other provinces had pleaded for the removal of control. The best affect of this step has not yet been borne on the market so far as stocks are extremely poor. Oil and mustardseed and tarraseed prices are unchanged. A slight fall in groundnut and cotton seed prices was recorded during the week. The following are the current prices: mustardseed 28/- tarraseed 28/- groundnut 48/- cottonseed 14/12 Oils mustard 55/- groundnut 55/- linseed 63/-.

DISPOSALS

CORRECTION

This is to inform that the auction of TEAKWOOD LOGS arranged to be held at SAMBRE, near BELGAUM on 14th March 1947 has been CANCELLED.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF MEDICAL STORES

Under instructions from the DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF DISPOSALS, MISCELLANEOUS STORES DIRECTORATE, NEW DELHI, public auction of MEDICAL STORES will take place at ARMY MEDICAL STORES (INDIA), MEERUT commencing at 11 A.M. on 25th March 1947.

ENTIRE STOCK will be auctioned in convenient lots.

The Depot, along with the Lists of each lot of stores, can be inspected on 21st, 22nd and 24th March, 1947. Permits are not necessary. A provisional list, mentioning approximate quantity of stores, can also be obtained from the Director, Miscellaneous Stores, Directorate General of Disposals, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi. Purchasers are required to deposit 25% of the sale value of each lot to the auctioneer on the spot and the balance within seven working days. Delivery must be taken before 16th April, 1947. No extension in dates will be allowed.

Sales are subject to conditions in form Con. 117 and such special conditions as may be announced at the time of auction. Proffer of any bid will be deemed an acceptance of the conditions in toto.

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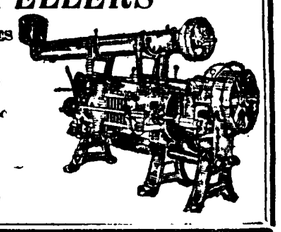

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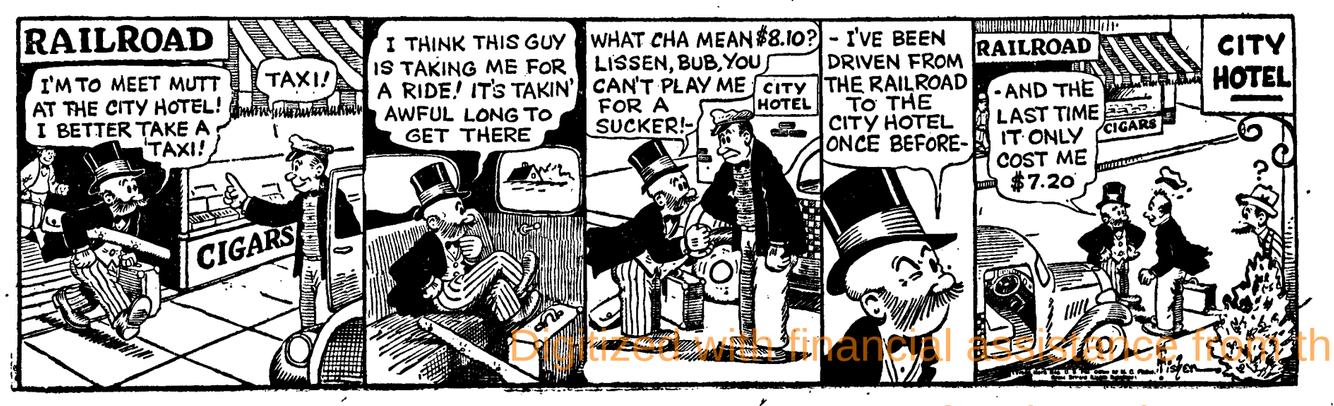
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T. E. STREATFIELD.
Milk Commissioner.

Bombay, 11th March, 1947. 2505

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TENDER NOTICE.

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CONTROLLER OF STORES, (2496)

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NOTICE

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The tenders will be received upto 1 p.m. (Bombay Time) on Wednesday, the 19th March, 1947.

Forms of tender, terms and conditions for the supply of lorries on hire, etc., will be issued, on payment of Rupees two for each copy to any one deputed to receive them, by the Mechanical Engineer, who will, on application at his office at the Municipal Workshops, Foras Road, Bombay, give any further information that may be required.

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N.B.—Attention of candidates is drawn to the Government Servants' Applications for posts (Provincial and Subordinate Services) Rules 1944, and Government Resolutions Nos.: AAM.9|43|130 dated the 16th June, 1944 and AAP.74|46 dated 3rd December, 1946. (2497)

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